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ADANI GETS SC'S VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

'No need to transfer Sebi probe to SIT'

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

IN a major relief to Adani Group, the Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected a batch of pleas seeking a court-monitored probe into allegations of stock-price manipulation and other irregularities levelled by US-based short-seller Hindenburg.

In its 46-page verdict, the SC said there were no grounds to transfer the probe from Sebi to a special investigation team. It also directed the market regulator to complete its probe within three months.

Hindenburg had in its report in January 2023 alleged that the Group had been manipulating stock prices of its firms. Following this, the share value of various Adani firms plunged.

In September, another report by the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project claimed that the Group used offshore shell companies to invest in its own stocks.

The three-judge bench headed by CJI DY Chandrachud observed that the petitioners relied solely on unverified third-party claims and newspaper reports, which did not inspire confidence in the court's mind to interfere in the probe.

"A report by a third-party organization without any attempt to verify the authenticity of its allegations cannot be regarded as conclusive proof," it said.

The bench, also comprising judges JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said: "The petitioners cannot assert that an unsubstantiated report in the newspapers should have credence over an investigation by a statutory regulator whose investigation has not been cast into doubt on the basis of cogent material or evidence."

It said while it can transfer an investigation to a SIT or the CBI, it is done only in extraordinary circumstances when there is a glaring, deliberate inaction by the competent authority. It noted that the court has already exercised its extraordinary powers by setting up an Expert Committee to probe whether there has been a regulatory failure.

"To expect the Court to monitor the investigation indefinitely, even after the committee has submitted its report and Sebi has completed its investigation in 22 out of 24 enquiries is not warranted," it added. It sought a probe into whether the Hindenburg report leading to losses of Indian investors violated law.

"Sebi and the Central agencies shall probe into whether the loss suffered by Indian investors due to the conduct of Hindenburg Research and any other entities in taking short positions involved any infraction of the law and if so, suitable action shall be taken," the verdict said.

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SIRAJ'S 6, SA'S 55

It was a bizarre start to the second Test match between India and South Africa at Newlands, Cape Town on Wednesday. First, the hosts were bowled out for just 55 runs, their lowest since readmission into international cricket; then India, after comfortably reaching 153 for four, lost six wickets for 0 run. A look...

23 WICKETS IN A DAY

Known for the extra bounce and assistance for pacers, Newlands, yet again, provided an entertaining day of Test. As many as 23 wickets fell on a pitch that has some lateral movement, and at times, the ball lifted chest high. Only Virat Kohli looked at ease with 46

6/0

IT IS THE FIRST TIME A TEAM LOST SIX WICKETS WITHOUT ADDING ANY RUN ON THE BOARD

COLLAPSE

Both India and South Africa went in with one less batting option and that meant the lower-order spent little time in the middle. If SA lost their last 4 wickets for 10 runs, the visitors went from 153/4 to 153 all out in 11 balls

ANOTHER WOMAN STRIPPED, ASSAULTED NEAR BELAGAVI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

JUST over two weeks after a woman was shockingly stripped, tied to a pole and assaulted at Vantamuri, near Belagavi, another woman allegedly suffered a similar order at Tigadi village, near Belagavi.

In the fresh incident that occurred on November 22, the woman was allegedly stripped semi-naked and assaulted by a

group of people in public over a property dispute. The woman and the accused had agreed at the Bailhongal police station against filing a complaint on November 22. The victim, however, went ahead and filed a complaint with the Belagavi woman's police station on December 30 against 20 people, including the president and vice-president of the local Gram Panchayat. She claimed in the complaint that her

clothes were torn in public and she was beaten up by the group on November 22. The woman also stated that the group took away Rs 1.5 lakh kept in her bag.

Many villagers from Tigadi, however, denied her allegations and said she filed the complaint only to get money from the people to whom her family members had sold a piece of land in Tigadi.

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EXPRESS READ

Arvind Kejriwal skips ED summons again

New Delhi: Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday skipped the third summons by the ED in connection with the Delhi excise policy case and cited RS polls and Republic Day preparations, among other reasons, for doing so | P10

Cheetah delivers three cubs in MP's Kuno Park

Bhopal: A Namibian cheetah has given birth to three cubs at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur district, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav said on Wednesday | P9

Villager breaks Anganwadi asst's nose with sickle

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

A villager brutally attacked a senior Anganwadi assistant and broke her nose with a sickle at Basurte village near Belagavi after a few Anganwadi children urinated near his house located near the school.

The Anganwadi assistant, Sugandha Morey, who was attacked, was not aware that children were urinating near Gajanan Morey's house. During the lunch break on Monday, when children again went near Gajanan house, he got angry and confronted Sugandha, asking her why she was not stopping the children from urinating near his house. In a fit of anger, he brought a sickle from his house and took a swipe at Sugandha's face, injuring her nose.

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Won't quit, says Soren; ED heat on those close to him

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AMID speculation on Hemant Soren rolling the dice for Plan B if the Enforcement Directorate were to arrest him in a land scam case, the Jharkhand chief minister told his legislative party meeting on Wednesday that he had no intention to resign.

The speculation on Plan B was that Soren was grooming his wife Kalpana to step into his shoes if the ED arrests him and he had to resign. When sen-

ior party legislator Sarfaraz Ahmed vacated his safe Gandey constituency just a few days ago, it was seen as an attempt to let her enter the assembly by winning the seat. However, Soren described it as a figment of the BJP's imagination.

Be that as it may, state BJP president Babul Marandi wrote to Governor C P Radhakrishnan requesting him to stop a non-MLA (Kalpana) from taking oath as chief minister if

Soren resigns. Citing several court judgments, Marandi said there can be no by-election at Gandey since less than one year of the fifth Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha's tenure is left.

As for the MLAs, they said they were all united and would not let any conspiracy succeed in the state.

The brave talk notwithstanding, the ED seemed to be running rings around Soren as it raided 12 locations belonging to those close to the CM — in-

cluding his press advisor Abhishek Prasad 'Pintu' — in Ranchi and Rajasthan in a money laundering case related to illegal mining. Besides, multiple premises of IAS officer and Sahibganj Deputy Commissioner Ramnivas Yadav, architect Vinod Kumar, Khudaniya Brothers (Sahibganj), former Bihar MLA Pappu Yadav (Deoghar), DSP Rajendra Dubey (Hazariabagh), constable Awdhesh Kumar, and Abhay Saraogi (Kolkata).



Shri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Govt. of Karnataka



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Bengaluru most favoured office space market in country

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BENGALURU registered office transaction volume of 12.5 million square feet in 2023, the highest transaction volume recorded amongst the leading cities in India, according to a report by Knight Frank India released on Wednesday.

In its latest report titled 'India Real Estate: Residential and Office (July-December 2023)', Global Capability Centres (GCC), flex spaces and India-facing occupiers supported the office

leasing momentum in Bengaluru while there was a moderation from the tech occupiers. During 2023, flex space occupiers and GCCs dominated the leasing activity in Bengaluru, each accounting for 30% of the total transactions in the city.

The growing occupier interest and the quality office space supply in Bengaluru have driven rentals upward in the market. The average transacted rentals in Bengaluru grew by 6.6% year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 86.4/sq ft/month in 2023, according to the report.



As per the report, in 2023, the Bengaluru market witnessed a new supply infusion of 13.4 mnsqft, leading to a stock accumulation of 215 mnsqft. The market contains an adequate inventory to fulfil occupier de-

mands in the near future. Shantanu Mazumder, Executive Director, Bengaluru, Knight Frank India, said, "The moderate leasing activity by third-party IT was positively cushioned by the market share consolidation by GCC, flex and India-facing businesses. Bengaluru is an attractive market for GCC occupiers as the city is already an established global hub, has a diverse talent pool and a unique ecosystem comprising technology penetration, research and development, start-ups, academia and more. Bengaluru's office market fundamentals remain strong. The acceleration of return-to-office by firms and the growth in India-facing businesses along with stable business inflow from the western developed markets into India should support the growth in the office market demand in the near term."

According to the report, in 2023, Bengaluru registered a nine-year high sales volume of residential units at 54,046. The North Bengaluru micro-market is an emerging and one of the fastest growing clusters in the

city. In 2023, the micro-market witnessed 22% of sales, with a sharp rise in absolute volumes. The city witnessed new launches of 51,126 units, a multi-year high, as the market experienced a strong influx of new project launches in 2023, indicating a 18% year-on-year increase. South Bengaluru micro-market continued to dominate sales comprising a share of 39% of the total sales in the city in 2023.

The weighted average price of residential units in Bengaluru increased by 7% YoY to Rs 5,900/sq ft/month.

CLICK 'N' BOOK

Post starts door-to-door parcel pick-up

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

IN a customer-friendly initiative that also helps reduce crowding at post offices, India Post has launched a door-step service for collection of postal articles. Customers need to book and pay the specified postal charges on the India Post portal, while the delivery staff will collect it at a time specified by the addressee.

The 'Click 'n' Book' service allows a customer to book up to five documents/parcels at a time with a pickup charge of Rs 50. The combined weight should not exceed 5 kg, while the total tariff needs to be less than Rs 500.

Assistant Director, Business Development and Mails, Karnataka Circle, S Analakshmi said, "This is a value-addition service offered across India. In Karnataka, we launched it as a pilot in November 2023. Following its success, regular bookings commenced from December. The service is available in 133 pin codes in the state. So far, 104 articles have been booked."

In Karnataka, Bengaluru has the maximum coverage with 96 pin codes offering the service. The service covers 19 areas in North Karnataka and 18 in South Karnataka.

"The service allows one to book Speed Post, registered documents and parcels online on our portal (<https://www.indiapost.gov.in>). Registration is mandatory before booking and payment needs to be done online," she explained. The customer should note down the transaction ID of the booking on the left side corner of the item. "After the article is collected by the postman and brought to the post office, the label containing the sender and addressee details will be printed and pasted on the cover," the Assistant Director said.

The pickup slot available for the same day or next working day will be listed online and customers can select a convenient time.

Asked what if the customer has assumed a wrong weight for the item and paid a lesser amount, Analakshmi said, "The item would be weighed at the post office. We will alert the customer about the difference to be paid. It can be done online."



Forest dept recovers land worth ₹80cr

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THE Forest Department on Wednesday reclaimed 6.5 acres of encroached property, worth around Rs 80 crore, in survey number 170, BM Kaval village, near Kengeri.

After getting clearance from the Chief Conservator of Forests and courts on December 29, the Bengaluru Circle officials razed the temporary houses that were constructed for labourers.

The area was encroached by a person, identified as Madhusudhan Swamy, and turned into a plantation.

The case was under contention since 2006 and the first eviction order was issued by the ACF Court in 2017. It was challenged and the matter had gone to the CCF Court. A team of 20 forest personnel along with the police were pressed to recover the encroached property on Wednesday. Five cases pertaining to various forest acts have been booked against the encroacher. "Though on paper it is mentioned as 6.5 acres, on the ground, we have cleared around 7 acres," an official said.

EXPRESS READ

4-day Festival of Stamps from Jan 5

A VISUAL treat is in store during the 13th state-level philatelic exhibition to be held at Kanteerava Indoor stadium from January 5 to 8. Organised every four years to promote philately, 'Karnapex 2024 - a Festival of Stamps' will have 690 frames displaying a unique collection of stamps on different topics, said S Rajendra Kumar, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle. Kumar said the themes are history and culture on January 5; science, technology and environment on January 6; mental health and sports on January 7 and women empowerment on January 8. **ENS**

DCM TAKES GOVT TO RESIDENTS' DOORSTEPS

Receives 4,000 petitions, says nodal officers will look into grievances

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DEPUTY Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D K Shivakumar said nodal officers will be deputed for speedy disposal of petitions received during the launch of the 'Bagilige Bantu Sarkara, Irali Nimma Sahakara' (government at your doorstep) initiative on Wednesday.

The DCM received 4,000 petitions through 15 stalls set up by various agencies, including Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Health, Revenue and other departments.

The initiative was launched in BBMP Mahadevapura Zone covering Mahadevapura and KR Pura assembly segments. People who submitted petitions were issued an acknowledgement through SMS.

Shivakumar heard the grievances of the public patiently for more than five hours, solved several problems on the spot and directed officials to address other issues at the earliest.

One Khader Mohideen alleged in the presence of KR Pura MLA Byrathi Basavaraj that the latter's relative, Venu, had encroached on a public road in Hennur police station limits and the police were not taking any action. Shivakumar asked the legislator to solve the issue.

BL Dev, an ex-serviceman re-

siding in Arkavathy Layout, said he wanted an NoC from officials to build a house while Mary Bhalla, wife of an ex-serviceman, wanted the government to act against illegal buildings, PG centres and borewell drilling in Whitefield. Shivakumar assured them that their problems will be attended to.

Based on a petition from Ritamma of TC Palya that two BBMP officials - Vinay and Venkatesh - had allegedly taken Rs 1 lakh bribe to issue 'A' Khata for her property, Shivakumar directed BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath to suspend the officials and also register a case against them.

Based on a complaint that the staff at a fair price shop in KR Pura are demanding Rs 7,000 for ration cards and also giving only 3 kg rice under the

Anna Bhagya scheme by charging Rs 20, Shivakumar directed Deputy Commissioner KA Dayanand to look into the issue and cancel the licence if the allegations are found to be true.

Majid and Muskan, who needed surgery for their four-year-old son Muzzamil, were assured Rs 1 lakh aid from the BBMP towards treatment. Also, Selvamani, a Narayanapura resident, was assured Rs 1 lakh from the Palike towards the treatment of her husband, who is suffering from kidney-related ailment.

Earlier, to appeals from the KR Pura MLA and Mahadevapura MLA Manjula Limbavali about solid waste management and storm water drain improvement works, the DCM said the government will build roads along SWDs to shift silt and waste.



Residents of Mahadevapura and KR Pura submit petitions to DCM DK Shivakumar in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

15TH EDITION OF BIFFES FROM FEB 29

Bengaluru: The 15th edition of the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) will be held from February 29 to March 7. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced the dates on Wednesday after chairing a meeting of the BIFFes organising committee. The CM said national and international films that carry the message of peace, equality, humanity, coexistence and inclusiveness will be featured in this edition of BIFFes, which is accredited by the International Federation of Film Producers' Association (FIAPF). The inauguration ceremony of the film festival will be organised in front of Vidhana Soudha and the closing ceremony will be held at the Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha. Films will be screened at 11 screens of PVR Cinemas at Orion Mall from March 1 to 7. The meeting decided to screen movies of actress Leelavathi, directors Bhagavan and CV Shivashankar and other luminaries of Kannada cinema, as a tribute. The government has sanctioned Rs 1.61 crore for the film festival and the CM said. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

04th January: It seems strange to think that it's over fifty years since human beings first travelled into space. The space programme has faltered as both the pioneers, the Americans and Russians, ran out of money or cut their budgets. That's why I look to India as the nation to take us to other planets in the twenty-first century!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
You may imagine that your loyalty and devotion have been misplaced, but you really have very little to worry about. Today's stars place the emphasis on friendly gatherings and unusual solutions; the answers to old questions are closer than you think.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Certain events can boost your confidence, but you may also risk over-reaching yourself. You must make one last final effort to complete an outstanding task, but whether you complete everything now, or are obliged to wait until your next chance is another matter!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Aspects based around signs like Aquarius and Capricorn link your financial fortunes to legal questions, ethical issues or foreign contacts. Perhaps there is cash to be made on an overseas trip, or at least some advantage in tackling distant possibilities.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
What took place towards the end of last week must have made it apparent that you cannot go on as before. You are passing through one of the most decisive periods of the month, so make your choices and stick to them. Loved ones will respect your consistency.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You may feel apprehensive and insecure, and quite right to. Unless you question your own motives you will fail to sharpen up your act and make the necessary improvements in intimate relationships. You might also make a major financial blunder, so avoid rash promises.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It is time for some relief, but you'll be busy at work. You'll therefore have to keep all the balls in the air at the same time, juggling the different options with your usual consummate skill. You should be happiest when other people leave you alone to get on with your personal schemes.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Today's influences are more subtle than expected. You are not likely to achieve your ends or get a positive reaction from colleagues by setting out a clear programme of needs and desires. It is probably simpler to smile sweetly and agree - if only for the sake of peace and harmony.

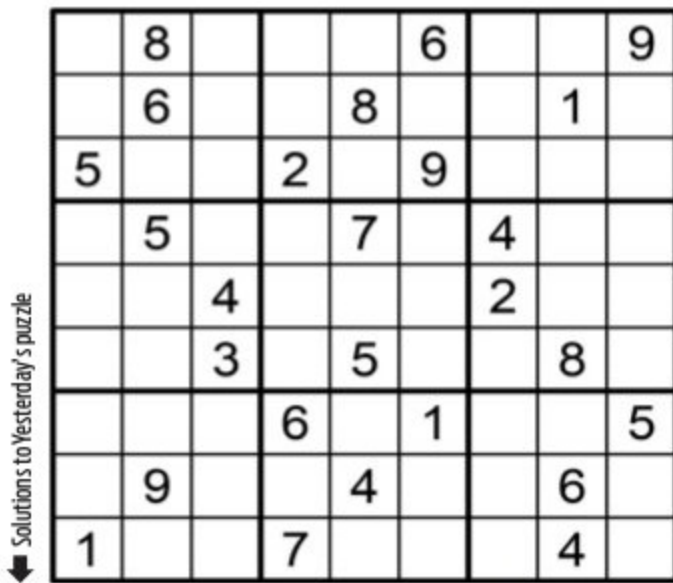
SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Once certain facts or items of information come to light, you will be able to get to grips with difficult or highly-charged situations. The family remains the main area of operations, so tread carefully, for you know how touchy people can be when there's a long history.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
What transpires during the early part of the coming week should set you on a new course, so you have plenty to look forward to. You really must spare as much time as you need to talk over your plans with anybody and everybody who is likely to be involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Venus may act as the catalyst for joint financial arrangements and you must be quick off the mark if you are to get the very best out of prospective developments. In many ways, this is the best moment for agreement, mainly because you're prepared to countenance a break with your routine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You may have spent the last few months trying to avoid some sort of showdown, but you may now consider allowing secret evidence and suppressed feelings to come to the surface. It will be useful to clear the air, even if home truths do make you feel uncomfortable.

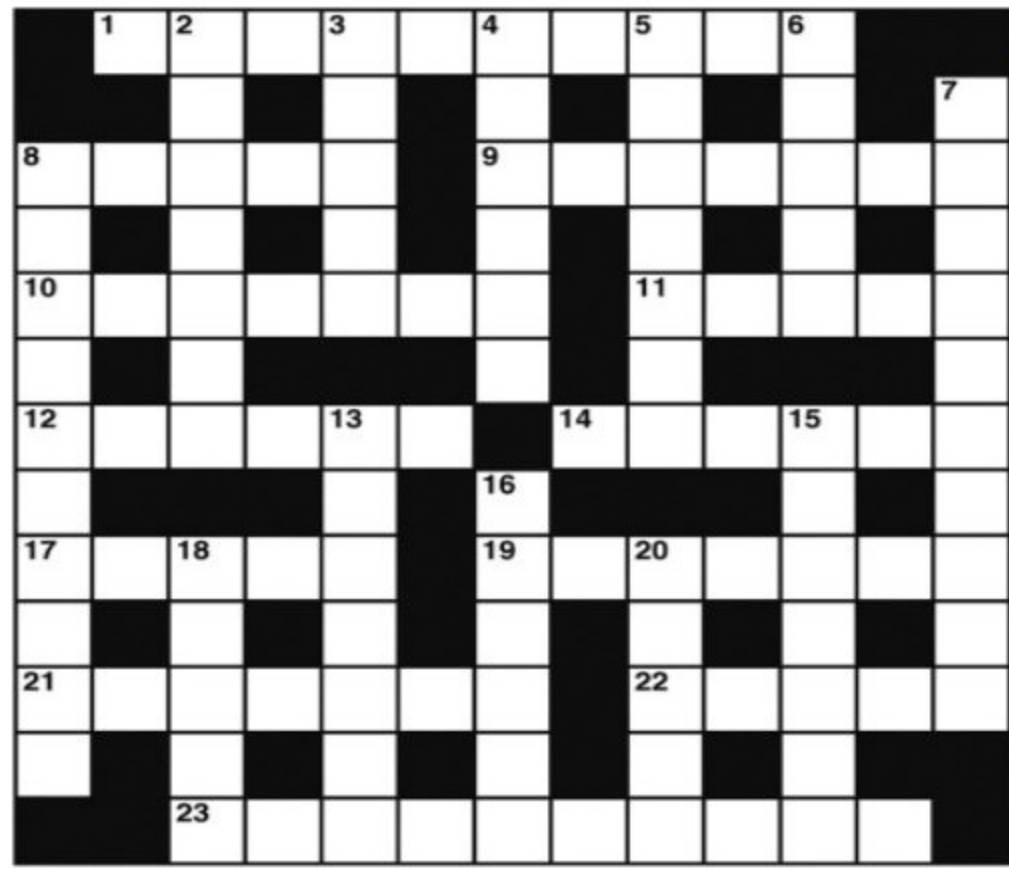
PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You're not in full possession of the facts, so keep your emotions and temper in check a while longer and give yourself plenty of time to see what is going as planned. If you can clear up a mystery in the process, so much the better. Don't forget to share your new insights with the people who need to know.



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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- Way-out investigator (5,5)
- Old money carried by royalty (5)
- Said to guard the home, but they make pa tense (7)
- Basically a threat needs to be dealt with (2,5)
- A shop's agent or customer (5)
- It may be done up but not back (6)
- Like a bird's behind (6)
- Just a bit frightening (5)
- Up late about a move to a high level (7)
- Number return with task for several computers (7)
- Tie up a bundle of straw (5)
- Arrange to send away for goods (3,2,5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Shandy, 4 Spoilt, 9 Dragout, 10 Capt, 11 Taken, 12 Landing, 13 Leading lady, 18 Crowder, 20 Which, 22 Maine, 23 Ironess, 24 Nimble, 25 Severe.

DOWN

- Support the sort of person with prescience (7)
- This dance can go all over the place (5)
- It's included in seeds for birds (6)
- Large volume one may take to work (7)
- The way into the field (5)
- They travel through space to Saturn as a change (10)
- Having trouble getting up (10)
- Mail awaiting despatch to a colonial settlement (7)
- Finish off the job? (7)
- It's said to be articulated (6)
- Rise and dress (3-2)
- His professionalism may be brought into play (5)

Down: 1 Sedate, 2 Aback, 3 Drowned, 5 Peam, 6 Impaled, 7 Things, 8 Stolen fruit, 14 Eggsit, 15 Low tide, 16 Acumen, 17 On tie, 19 Dwell, 21 Irene.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: BOOTH BASIC KITTEN TRUSTY
Answer: Her doctor previously told her to lower her blood pressure, and she - TOOK IT TO HEART



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Techie hits flyover wall after road rage assault; police cane him too

PRAVEEN KUMAR
@Bengaluru

A 29-year-old software engineer from Gujarat crashed his car into the sidewall of Nagawara flyover after he was attacked by a gang of four unidentified miscreants, who were under the influence of alcohol. Ashish MK, a resident of Sampigehalli, was returning home after New Year celebrations with his friends.

The incident happened between 2.30am and 3am on Monday, near KR Puram Metro Station. The accused, who overtook the victim from the left side, suddenly braked in front of his car. In response, Ashish honked, following which the accused got out of their car and attacked him, slapping and hurling punches on his head, and damaging his car. They also called the police deployed on New Year duty and complained against him.

The police, unaware of the what had happened, caned Ashish and asked him to leave the spot. Ashish, who started driving, managed to go till Nagawara flyover and fell unconscious due to the assault and rammed the sidewall of the flyover. Passersby who came to help drove his car and dropped him home. Ashish informed his brother in Delhi, who posted the horrific incident on platform X, tagging the city police. Based on the tweet, Mahadevapura police approached

Ashish and took his complaint. The techie, who has been living in the city since 2016, managed to click pictures of the miscreants' car, and police are tracking them based on the registration number. They were driving a car registered in Tumakuru district.

Ashish told *The New Indian Express* that he was returning home after dropping off a friend, post New Year celebrations. "I was not under the influence of alcohol. I did not get a proper response from the police after I called the control room. My gold chain gifted by my brother is missing. After my brother posted about the incident on social media, I got a prompt response from the police."

A case of causing hurt by dangerous weapons (IPC 324) along with other sections of the IPC, was registered against the accused.

"The case is under investigation. The incident came to light through a social media post. We responded immediately and have recorded his statements. In case any of his statements are missing, they will be added during the course of investigation," said the police.



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Ashish MK, software engineer

Manual scavenging a shame on humanity: HC

Court takes suo motu cognisance of *TNIE* article, tells registry to place matter for hearing on January 8

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday took up suo motu cognisance of a Big Picture article, titled 'Manual Scavenging Continues Despite Ban', published by *The New Indian Express* on December 25, 2023.

Observing that the story is disturbing and certainly shocks one's conscience, the division bench of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice Krishna S Dixit quoted a couplet by poet Sahir Ludhianvi that 'even soil has some value but human beings are worth nothing...'

The court appointed advo-

cate Sridhar Prabhu as amicus curiae to assist the court and directed him to file a PIL with the registry, which has to place the matter before the court for hearing on January 8.

The New Indian Express published the article after students were forced to clean a septic tank in Malur of Kolar. Extracting the views expressed by one Appanna (40), a resident of Bengaluru, quoted in the article, which read, "I stopped this work long ago, and now I work as a security guard. But people still ask me if I can clean their pits. I feel ashamed when people ask me to clean their shit. It is very shameful that I am recognised



The article titled 'Manual Scavenging Continues Despite Ban' was published in *The New Indian Express* on December 25, 2023 | EXPRESS

by my caste and not respected for my present profession," the court said these facts are disturbing. The court also quoted the comments of Bezawada Wilson, Ramon Magsaysay awardee, published in the story.

The court said now a person who is our brother in society, merely because either his misfortune he took birth in a particular community, carrying a stamp of one caste, he is required to do this work (manual scavenging). Is it not a shame on humanity? Is this what we all are here for... Merely because somebody is facing financial difficulty is he to lead a life as bad as an animal? the court observed.

"Freedom fighters and social reformers have dreamed that everybody is equal but what is happening after 60 years, even in Karnataka? Why are we taking our own brothers to do these things (manual scavenging) when there are technical advancements to clean the pits but there was no change in the mindset? We flew to the Moon two months back which is very proud but we are not treating our brothers as human beings," the court observed, quoting the couplets of Sant Tukaram.

The court asked the State Government advocate to look into the issue.



Guest lecturers enter city; cops bundle them to Freedom Park

BENGALURU: Hundreds of guest lecturers who were on a padayatra to Bengaluru demanding job regularisation were detained by the police at 8th Mile on Wednesday afternoon and promptly ferried to Freedom Park. As soon as the marchers entered the city, they were prevented by the police from proceeding further to avoid the traffic situation going haywire. The guest lecturers working in the government first grade colleges across the state had launched the padayatra from Siddaganga Mutt in Tumakuru on January 1, and had planned to hold a mega rally at Freedom Park on Thursday. Aam Aadmi Party state chief and former MLA Mukyamantri Chandru met the guest lecturers in Nelamangala earlier in the morning. He urged the state government to regularise their services on the lines of the Delhi AAP government. **ENS**

Crimes against women, children saw an increase in city last year

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CRIMES against women, children, murders, dacoities, robberies and vehicle and house thefts saw an increase last year compared to 2022, according to the crime data released by the police commissioner's office.

More cyber crimes were reported in the North division, followed by South East and Whitefield divisions. Least number of cyber crimes was reported in the Central division. Also, gambling cases saw a rise. Nearly 1,700 men and 658 women died by suicide, which again was an increase from the previous year. In all, 2,916 men and 574 women died in different accidents, including electric shock, fall from height, burns and others.

Under crimes against wom-

en, the city police registered 3,260 cases, of which 3,121 were solved. In 2022, the numbers were 2,630 and 2,545, respectively. Of the total crimes against women, 1,135 were of molestation (IPC 354), of which 1,004 were detected. In 2022, 731 cases of molestation were registered and 688 detected. In 2023, 176 rapes were registered and all were detected. In 2022, 152 rapes were reported, of which one case is yet to be solved.

Among 176 rape cases in 2023, 115 were by promising love/marriage, 14 were by relatives known to victims, 44 were by either neighbours or known persons and only three were by unknown persons.

In all, 631 cases were registered under crimes against

children in 2023, of which 588 were detected. In 2022, 561 such cases were registered and 537 detected. Of the total cases, 560 were under Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) in 2023, of which 538 were detected. In 2022, 480 POCSO cases were registered and 477 were solved.

Under the Juvenile Justice Act, 40 cases were reported and all were detected. In 2022, 37 cases were reported and detected. Under the concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead bodies (IPC 318) 11 cases were reported in 2023 and none were solved. In 2022, all 12 reported cases remained unsolved.

The city recorded 17,623 cyber crimes in 2023, compared to 9,940 in 2022.

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Regional Director, RBI, Bengaluru

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M/s Sri Sathya Narayana Traders, No. 15/16, 1st Cross Right Side, Krishna Theatre Road, K.R Puram, Bangalore -560036 ...Defendant

To,

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Vijayan Subramanian
Counsel for the Plaintiff

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Place: Bengaluru

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Hariprasad warns of 'Godhra-like incident' in K'taka ahead of Ram Temple consecration

Says State Government should be on high alert; BJP wants him arrested immediately

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WITH the consecration ceremony of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya slated for January 22, senior Congress leader and MLC BK Hariprasad stoked a controversy on Wednesday claiming that there is a possibility of "Godhra-like incident" in Karnataka in the run up to the mega event.

"We are getting information that something like the Godhra massacre may happen in Karnataka. I can even give information. I can tell you that the head of some organisations went to some states and instigated some BJP leaders. I cannot say that openly. They are doing it. They are in-

stigating such acts," the senior Congress leader alleged.

Speaking to the media, he said measures should be taken to prevent such an untoward incident happening in Karnataka ahead of the temple inauguration.

He said that the Congress government in Karnataka should provide protection to those travelling to Ayodhya and ensure that another Godhra-like massacre does not happen in Karnataka.

The former Rajya Sabha member claimed that there was a meeting in this regard in Odisha, and that the State Government should inquire into the matter.

Meanwhile, CM Siddaramaiah refused to respond to



Hariprasad saying, "I will not respond to such speculation."

Former MP VS Ugrappa said, "BK Hariprasad is a senior leader and may have some information. I have no information on this. PM Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah can do anything because they are opportunists."

"This is a political event. If it

was a religious event, we would all go. If it was a religious event, religious leaders should have taken the leadership. Shankaracharya was the original guru. Similarly, if a guru had conducted it, it would have been a religious event. But it is happening under the leadership of 'vishwa guru' (Modi). I still don't know what Modi's religion is. Amit Shah said that he does not know anything about religion," Hariprasad said, adding that it was all his personal opinions and nothing to do with the Congress.

Meanwhile, reacting to Hariprasad's statements, BJP leaders, including former CM DV Sadananda Gowda, demanded the former's immediate arrest.

INDIA WILL GO BANKRUPT IF WE BECOME HINDU NATION, SAYS YATHINDRA

DAVANAGERE: Former MLA Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah on Wednesday stoked a controversy by saying that India will go bankrupt if it becomes a 'Hindu nation'. He said, "BJP is going to make our country a Hindu nation. If that happens, then we will be no different from Pakistan and Afghanistan whose economy has already collapsed as their politicians rally behind religion. If we shed our secular credentials and go behind religion, we cannot see any development." He went on to add that BJP and RSS are a threat to secularism. Yathindra questioned the public on the number of judges belonging to OBCs, oppressed sections and Minorities in High Courts and Supreme Court and said that upper caste people control society. **ENS**

Shaping healthcare: A doctor's perspective



Dr VIVEK JAWALI
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As we step into 2024, the expectations in the healthcare sector are substantial, and doctors play a pivotal role in shaping the narrative.

The government, too, should consider the responsibility of creating an environment that fosters a robust healthcare system.

Here are key areas that deserve attention:

Public health infra

Strengthening the public health infrastructure is imperative. Investments in building and maintaining healthcare facilities, especially in rural areas, are essential. Adequate funding should be allocated to upgrade existing infrastructure and ensure the availability of necessary medical equipment.

Healthcare workforce

The healthcare workforce is the backbone of the system. To meet the growing demands, the government should focus on expanding medical education, improving training facilities, and providing incentives to attract and retain skilled healthcare professionals. This includes not only doctors but also nurses, paramedics, and support staff.

Telemedicine integration

The Covid-19 pandemic accelerated the adoption of telemedicine. In 2024, the government should work on formulating comprehensive guidelines for telehealth services, ensuring accessibility and affordability. This includes facilitating digital literacy among both healthcare providers and patients.

Innovation and research

Encouraging innovation and research is crucial for advancing medical practices. The government should foster an environment that supports medical research, offering grants and incentives for breakthrough discoveries. This will not only enhance patient care but also position India as a leader in medical advancements.

Mental health focus

Mental health has gained prominence, and rightly so. The government should prioritize mental health initiatives, ensuring that mental healthcare is integrated into primary healthcare services. This involves destigmatising mental health issues, in-

creasing the number of mental health professionals, and providing accessible mental health services.

Surveillance, preparedness

The pandemic highlighted the need for robust disease surveillance systems. The government should invest in advanced technologies for early detection and monitoring of infectious diseases. Additionally, there should be a continuous focus on pandemic preparedness, with regular drills and stockpiling of essential medical supplies.



Affordable healthcare

Ensuring affordable healthcare for all is a cornerstone of a well-functioning healthcare system. The government should explore innovative financing models and insurance schemes to make quality healthcare accessible to every citizen. This includes addressing the pricing of essential drugs and medical procedures.

Health info technology

Adopting health information technology can streamline patient care, improve diagnostics, and enhance overall efficiency. The government should invest in electronic health records (EHRs) and interoperability standards to create a seamless healthcare experience and facilitate data-driven decision-making.

Community engagement

Engaging communities in healthcare initiatives is essential for success. The government should encourage community-based programmes that focus on preventive care, health education, and awareness. This includes partnerships with local bodies, NGOs, and educational institutions.

Climate and health

Acknowledging the impact of climate change on public health is vital. The government should integrate climate considerations into healthcare policies, promote eco-friendly practices in healthcare facilities, and raise awareness about the health consequences of environmental issues. In conclusion, the expectations for healthcare in 2024 are high, and it requires a concerted effort from healthcare professionals, policymakers and the public. By addressing these key areas, the Indian government can contribute significantly to building a resilient and patient-centric healthcare system for years to come.

BJP HITS OUT AT SIDDU, SAYS HE IS DIVIDING SOCIETY

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
@ Hubballi

ASSEMBLY Opposition Leader R Ashoka on Wednesday alleged that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is busy indulging in appeasement politics. Those who chant "Jai Shri Ram" will be sent to jail, while those involved in terror and other such activities will be treated as brothers, he added.

Addressing BJP followers who had gathered to condemn the arrest of Srikant Poojari in a 1992 case, he said Siddaramaiah wants to please his leaders Sonia and Rahul Gandhi. Srikant Poojari's arrest was to divert attention from the grand inauguration of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya on January 22, he charged.

Siddaramaiah is playing tricks as he is worried about the outcome of the Lok Sabha elections. In Poojari's incident, there was no FIR or complaint, but he was still arrested with a preconceived plan in mind, Ashoka said. Congress leaders are instructing the police, and Srikant Poojari was arrested on a Saturday to make him stew in a lockup as courts would be closed on Sunday, he added.



Siddaramaiah, when he was chief minister in 2015, released 130 people through a cabinet decision despite senior police officers opposing it. Miscreants who burnt cars, tried to demolish a police station and assaulted police are brothers of Congress leaders, he alleged.

Siddaramaiah is creating a schism among communities. In his last stint, he tried to divide Veerashivas and Lingayats. Congress leaders are ready to do anything to come to power, Ashoka said.

Cop sent on leave

To blunt protests by opposition BJP, demanding the suspension of Police Inspector Mohammad Rafiq Tahasildar, who arrested Srikant Poojari, has been sent on leave. A new inspector, BA Jadhav, has taken charge at the Town police station in Hubballi. Tahasildar has been sent on leave on the orders of the Hubballi-Dharwad police commissioner, sources said. An investigation will be conducted on the missing FIR in Srikant Poojari's case. Police Commissioner Renuka Sukumar said procedures will be conducted within the limits of the police system. She, however, refused to speak about police inspector Tahasildar.



Lop R Ashoka interacts with the family members of Srikant Poojari in Hubballi on Wednesday | D HEMANTH

BJP complains to Guv, plans protest

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KARNATAKA BJP members on Wednesday submitted a memorandum to Governor Thaaavarchand Gehlot against the Siddaramaiah government. BJP leaders and workers also staged a protest across the State on Wednesday.

BJP workers are now planning to protest outside Hubballi police station on January 9. State president BY Vijayendra and others met the Governor to submit the memorandum, stating that though the Hubballi-Dharwad police commissioner has labelled the arrest of a karsevak as a routine police procedure, it is a clear attempt to harass BJP activists and create an atmosphere of fear among Hindu activists and BJP workers. It is an attempt to create unrest in the Hindu community, he said, requesting the Governor to intervene and seek an explanation from the government.

Vijayendra said the Siddaramaiah government is pursuing



BJP leaders, led by state party chief BY Vijayendra, protest against the arrest of Srikant Poojari, in Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

a policy of hatred against Hindu karyakarthas by reopening a 31-year-old case against Srikant Poojari, while the country is celebrating the consecration ceremony of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, he said.

He also said the Congress' anti-Hindu policy was spreading like the Covid virus. "Recently, Congress leader H An-

janeya made fun of Lord Shri Rama and now its the arrest of a karsevak in Hubballi. On Wednesday, Congress leader BK Hariprasad gave a statement like a terrorist and Yathindra Siddaramaiah opposed Hindu Rashtira. This looks like a systematic conspiracy ahead of the Lok Sabha polls," he said.

'No revenge or appeasement': CM defends arrest

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said Srikant Poojari — who was arrested in a 32-year-old case related to violence after the demolition of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya — uses religion as a shield to protect his criminal activities.

The CM said 16 cases, including that of illegal liquor sales, gambling, and matka are against Poojari, and the BJP that is protesting against his arrest should openly declare its support for all his alleged criminal actions, or publicly apologise and withdraw their protest. "If such individuals are not arrested and are allowed to roam freely, even Lord Rama cannot forgive this," the CM said.

Siddaramaiah said Poojari, who flaunts himself as a devotee of Lord Rama and a karsevak in the public, is an anti-social person in the eyes of the law.

The CM said 36 people were arrested in connection with



If such individuals are not arrested and are allowed to roam freely, even Lord Rama cannot forgive this

Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

crimes, including marijuana sales, theft, extortion, fraud, and gambling within the jurisdiction of the Hubballi-Dharwad Commissionerate in 2023. "Srikant Poojari is the 32nd person on the list. Should he be released just because he is a karsevak, or should he be arrested for being a suspect? The BJP's protest is not against our government, but against the country's law and constitu-

tion," the CM added.

Hitting out at the BJP, the CM said if those involved in criminal activities claim to be protectors of religion and indulge in murder and extortion, will BJP leaders support them too? "The arrest of Srikant Poojari during the inauguration of the Ram Mandir is merely a coincidence. While reviewing old cases, the police arrested him along with 36 others. There is neither revenge nor appeasement in this. The law has been enforced, and it has been done so in the interest of the public," he added.

'Stop playing politics in name of God and religion'

Siddaramaiah also slammed the BJP for defending the arrest of a person facing cases and asked them to stop politics in the name of God and religion. "I am still appealing to the BJP leaders in the state to stop playing petty politics in the name of God and religion and try to act as a responsible opposition," he said. Siddara-

maiah said his goal is to permanently relegate the BJP to the position of opposition in the state. He was responding to BJP's statewide protest against the arrest of Hindu activist Poojari involved in violence in Hubballi after the demolition of the Babri Masjid.

The BJP leaders need to understand that assigning caste and religious labels to criminals is extremely dangerous, the CM said and added that when the BJP government was in power in the state, the Lokayukta police had arrested then Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and sent him to jail. So, was the government at that time anti-Hindu? the CM questioned.

"Since Hindus are the majority in the population, they are also the majority in prisons. Does that mean BJP should fight for all of them because they belong to the Hindu religion? Even if a person commits heinous crimes, if he wraps a saffron shawl around his head and shouts that he is a Hindu, BJP leaders rush to his defense," the CM added.

CM, DyCM to meet Cong brass today, discuss winnability of mins, kin in polls

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Tumakuru

WITH CM Siddaramaiah and DyCM DK Shivakumar attending the meeting called by Congress high command in New Delhi the key issue of fielding ministers and their family members in the state is likely to be discussed at length.

The Congress top brass has called for a meeting to discuss the party's strategy for the Lok Sabha elections and preparations for the Bharat Nyay Yatra.

The Congress aims to win not less than 20 Lok Sabha seats of the 28 in Karnataka. But political pundits opine that the party may focus on 10-12 seats in the state and is in search of winnable candidates.

The ministers appointed as observers for the LS constituencies have shortlisted 3-4

names in each constituency and submitted a report to Shivakumar. The names of ministers KH Muniyappa for Kolar, B Nagendra for Ballari, Dr H C Mahadevappa for Chamara-janagar, and Eshwar Khandre for Bidar have been shortlisted, according to sources.

Muniyappa, who is eyeing Kolar, might shift to Chitradurga or push his son M Narasimharaju, a IRS officer who is on study leave for two years, a Congress leader said.

Interestingly, since AICC president M Mallikarjuna Kharge, RS member, is unlikely to contest from Kalaburagi LS seat, the party is likely to field his son-in-law Radhakrishna, an informed source told TNIE.

Apart from Kalaburagi, there is a huge demand for Chitradurga LS seat from SC community leaders as CM Sid-

daramaiah is holding a AHINDA rally there on January 28.

Since BJP-JDS alliance is a strong force in the Vokkaliga bastion of Old Mysuru region, the Congress top brass would consider fielding Vokkaliga leaders and Shivakumar has already chalked out a plan, a Congress leader said.

Former minister and Yeshwantpur BJP MLA ST Somashekar's name has been suggested for either Bengaluru North or Mysuru LS seat and this is also likely to be discussed in the meeting.

The name of Siddaramaiah's son and former MLA Dr Yathindra has surfaced as a probable candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu.

Apart from the discussion on LS polls, the high command is also likely to discuss the nomination to the boards and corporations. The CM and DyCM will also meet union ministers.

I.N.D.I.A KNOWS HOW TO HURT OUR RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS: PM

Says Kerala govt using temples, fests as means to loot devotees

ARUN M @Thirissur

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday lit into the Left and the Congress governments in Kerala for hindering the state's development, adding people have understood that only a BJP government can bring progress.

Launching a broadside against the opposition bloc, Modi said: "I.N.D.I.A alliance knows only one thing: to hurt our religious sentiments. They are turning our celebrations, and our festivals into a mode of corruption. We are all witnessing political games in the Thirissur Pooram," the prime minister charged.

Alleging that the Kerala government is using temples and festivals as a means to loot devotees, Modi said the lack of facilities at Sabarimala put the pilgrims to hardship.

He was speaking at *Shree Shakti Modikkoppam* (Women Power with PM Modi), an



Mahila Morcha members garlanding PM Narendra Modi in Thirissur | TP SOORAJ

event organised by the BJP-affiliated Mahila Morcha in Kerala's Thirissur. Modi said the Congress and the LDF differ only in names; their ideologies are the same. "They only focus on corruption, crime and family politics," Modi said.

"Now, they have formed the INDIA alliance and declared that their ideologies are the same. People have now under-

stood this and realised that the development of Kerala is only possible through the BJP," Modi said.

Casting a spell over thousands who thronged the Swaraj Round and Thekkinkadu Maidan in Thirissur, Modi practically kick-started the BJP's campaign in Kerala for the upcoming Lok Sabha election.

Employing the BJP's catchword for the election, 'Modi's guarantee' (he repeated it 17 times in his speech), the prime minister listed out various schemes implemented by his government for women, and lashed out at both the Congress and the CPM.

BJP's poll strategy of banking on Modi's charisma and the party's resolve to make a strong electoral impact in the state were on full display at the event. As the prime minister entered the venue, thousands of women showered saffron and yellow marigold petals on his path.

25K aspirants for 15 posts: Rush for govt jobs up

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

OVER 25,000 aspirants will be writing exams on January 6 and 7 for 15 posts of superintendent in the commercial taxes department in Kalyana Karnataka region. In spite of the number of vacancies in the government increasing every year, they are not being filled, resulting in a huge rush for every job recruitment notification by the government.

Though 2.56 lakh government posts are vacant, each time the department proposes to recruit a large number, the Finance department is unable to give its nod, or agrees to a few posts due to financial constraints, say official sources.

Of 2.56 lakh vacant posts, over 75,000 are in the education department (higher and school education), around 35,000 in the health department, and 22,000 in the Home department. Apart from this, there are around 10,000 vacant posts each in the revenue, rural development and panchayat raj, animal husbandry, finance and Schedule Caste welfare departments.

CS Shadakshari, president of the Karnataka State Government Employees' Association, said that some posts like bill collector in gram panchay-

ats require graduation as educational qualification, but even engineers and MBA graduates are applying. "Last year, there was a notification for 10 drivers' posts in the water resource department, for which 1.8 lakh people applied," he said.

A senior official, on condition of anonymity, told TNIE that the trend of people applying for government jobs has always been there, but post the Covid pandemic, more people are applying. "We are not able to fill the huge vacancies. If there are 100 vacancies in one department, we are able to fill hardly 10, as the finance de-

partment does not give clearance," the official said.

Some time earlier, the government had called for applications for government school teachers. "Though there are close to 50,000 vacancies, the finance department gave its nod only for 15,000, and over 1.3 lakh people wrote the exam," said sources.

According to P Guruswamy, executive member, Karnataka Government Secretariat Employees' Association, there is unemployment, and no recruitment going on in the private and government sectors to meet the demand. More graduates are passing out every year, he added.

EXPRESS READ

Will continue to invest in T'gana: Adani Group

HYDERABAD: Representatives from the Adani Group and Amara Raja Batteries met Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday in the state capital and assured him that they would continue to invest in the state, despite the change of government.

Senthil Balaji files fresh bail application

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu minister V Senthil Balaji filed a fresh bail application before the principal sessions and special court dealing with cases filed under PMLA. When the application came up for hearing, the court ordered notice to the ED and posted the matter to January 8.

Identify lands for solar parks: CM to officials

ENS @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday directed energy and revenue department officials to identify lands across Karnataka to set up solar panels near feeder stations. He directed district commissioners to issue immediate orders and circulars for the same.

The CM issued the directions at a review meeting with officials from both the departments for implementing the Kusuma-C scheme and decentralisation of solar power generation. The energy department had made a proposal to the government to acquire revenue land on lease basis to set up solar panels near feeder stations, to locally generate solar energy and to solarise irrigation pumpsets in the state. For the implementation of the schemes, around 3,000 acres of land will be required for setting up solar panels around 400 power stations.

An official present at the meeting said that while no deadline has been set for the move, the government is keen to ensure that it is completed at the earliest. "No land will be acquired. Revenue land

SHUN TOUTS, WIPE THE TEARS OF THE POOR, CM TO OFFICIALS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday sought to end the prevalence of 'agents' or 'middlemen' in government offices, especially revenue and sub-registrar offices and RTOs. Calling upon tahsildars to "wipe the tears of the poor", he said, "Your heart should go out to the people who visit your office in worn-out chappals and faded clothes, and the uneducated. If you do a good job, the government will get a good name. Carry out your responsibility, serve the people without middlemen." The CM was speaking after releasing the 2024 calendar and annual calendar of the Karnataka Administrative Service Officers' Association.

will be leased out to the energy department, which in-turn will be handed over to the vendor for setting up the panels. No land deal will take place," the official explained.

Energy Minister KJ George handed over a cheque of Rs 3 crore from Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited to the Chief Minister's relief fund for 2023-24.

Oppn dividing families for political gains: AP CM

ENS @ Vijayawada

ACCUSING the Opposition parties of forming 'unholy' electoral alliances and 'dividing' families for political gains, AP CM **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** urged people to be "wary of the deceptive, divisive, and devious tricks of TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu".

He was addressing a huge public meeting after formally launching the enhanced social security pensions under the YSR Pension Kanuka scheme at the RMC Grounds in Kakina on Wednesday. Starting January 1, the state government en-

hanced the pension to Rs 3,000 per month from Rs 2,750, benefiting over 66 lakh people.

Stating that the government is spending Rs 1,968 crore every month on social pensions, the Chief Minister noted that

volunteers are working hard to distribute pensions at sunrise on the first of every month, irrespective of public holidays, to keep pensioners happy. He asserted that his government has been implementing YSR Pension Kanuka scheme in full transparency, irrespective of the beneficiaries' caste, creed and political affiliations, unlike the previous TDP government.



Woman on night shift at KIA missing

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

A 27-year-old woman, employed as a booking agent in a cab company in Terminal 1 of Kempegowda International Airport, has been untraceable for the past four days. Her brother filed a complaint with Kempegowda Airport police station on Wednesday.

According to police, Netra, a native of Tumakuru, was employed at WIT cab company, and lived in a PG accommodation 'Yamuna' in Hunasamaranahalli, near the airport. "She called her family every day and spoke to them. On December 29, she called in the afternoon and told them she was on night duty that day. From December 30, her family did not receive any calls. When her



Picture for representation

family called, her phone was switched off. They assumed it had run out of charge. They called her on December 31 and got the same response. This got them worried," a cop said.

Netra's brother, Mahesh Kumar, visited WIT on January 2 to check what happened. He learnt that Netra had left at 6am on December 29 after com-

pleting her night shift. He spoke to her friends and acquaintances but no one knew about her whereabouts. Kumar filed a 'missing person' FIR.

This is the second case of a woman going missing within one month, and the fourth missing person FIR filed at airport police station in the past four months. On December 3, 2023, the mother of a 22-year-old woman employed in the Cargo division of Indigo, filed a missing person FIR after she was untraceable. On December 4, a man who flew from KIA to Bihar did not reach his destination, and was said to have gone missing inside the airport. On September 17, 2023, a hairdresser who flew in from Delhi to take up a job, vanished from Terminal 1.

Land row leads to attack on woman

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IN the FIR registered by the Belagavi Woman's police station, the woman said her father-in-law owned a large piece of land in Tigadi and a part of which was sold to some villagers. But the remaining portion has been encroached by another group of villagers. "Some have constructed houses in the encroached land and registered property details in Gram Panchayat records. A storm water pipeline was laid in the land without permission, and a suit was filed in the Bailhongal court and Taluk Panchayat. The court ordered in our favour. Since then, a group of people (accused in the case) was disappointed with the verdict," she said.

She stated that water was getting stagnated in her land because of the ongoing pipeline work and she had asked PWD officials to remove the broken pipes. When officials reached the spot on November 22, a verbal clash broke out between her and the accused Gram Panchayat president and others. As the clash escalated, the accused pulled her and thrashed her, tearing her clothes, the complaint added. When the woman was waiting for a bus at the bus-stand to reach the police station on the same day, the accused again raked up the issue, beat her up and snatched her bag containing Rs 1.5 lakh, she claimed. She stated she was then taken to the Panchayat office and locked inside. She was made to sign empty bond papers. The accused later threatened to kill her if she filed a complaint with the police, she added.

On Wednesday, police officers from the Bailhongal police station visited Tigadi. Many villagers levelled allegations against the woman, denying her claims in the FIR. SP Dr Bhimashankar Gulead said he got a call from the DGP's office on December 28, 2023 after the woman complained to the DGP that some people had stopped her from approaching the police station. "I contacted the woman and asked her to file a complaint at my office. Now, the complaint has been registered in the woman's police station and an inquiry has begun. The woman has complained that evidence has been destroyed to weaken the case. We will take measures to restore evidence and take necessary action" he said.

Accused yet to be arrested

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SHE also sustained severe injuries on her forehead. Police Inspector Nandeshwar from Kakti police station, where an FIR has been filed, said the woman was rushed to hospital soon after the incident.

Other sources said Gajanan was angry that Anganwadi children were plucking flowers from his garden. Though the incident occurred on January 1, the police are yet to arrest the accused, they added.

While Sugandha's condition is said to be serious, the police claimed she is out of danger.

Bank of Baroda

Moodalpalaya Branch, No.66/67, Krishna Complex, Nagarabhatta Road, Moodalpalaya, Bengaluru - 560 072
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DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER AND GUARANTORS

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

To,

1. **Mr. S. Manjunath, Proprietor: M/s. G. S. Electricals**, No. 277, VIII Main Road, BCC Layout, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru- 560 040.
2. **Mr. Anka Mahadevaiah**, No. 1028/C, 15th Main, Maruthi Circle, Hanumanthnagar, Bangalore - 560 050.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Credit facilities with our Moodalpalaya Branch, Bangalore.

1. We refer to our Letter No. NIL dated conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction you have availed and started utilizing the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature & type of facility	Limit Rs (in Lacs)	Rate of Interest	O/s as on 22.11.2023 (including interest upto Aug 2023)	Security agreement with brief description of securities
7421050 0000049 Cash Credit Vijaya Secured Overdraft	40,00,000/-	12.55%	Rs. 39,70,512.50	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 277, New Municipal No.2, PID No. 40-29-2, situated at layout formed by Bangalore City Municipal Corporation Employees House Building Co-op society Ltd., in Survey No. 50/2, 51/1, 2,5,45, to 48, 51 & 52, of Deevatige remanahalli (Chandra Layout) of Bangalore North now coming in the preview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike of Attiguppe Ward, presently known as VIII Main Road, BMP Layout, Bengaluru- 560 040 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to south 40 feet in all measuring 1200 sq.ft. with residential building thereon. The land is bounded on : East by : Site No. 240, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 278, South by : Site No. 276.
742106 00001628 (Term Loan)	5,00,000/-	11.45	Rs. 2,40,898.00	
742106 00001717 BGECI (Term Loan)	5,00,000/-	9.25	Rs. 1,56,250.22	
742106 00002670 BGECI (Term Loan)	2,50,000/-	9.25	Rs. 1,60,136.20	
742106 00002986 Car Loan (Term Loan)	15,60,000/-	9.60	Rs. 13,52,587.00	
7421060000 0933 Baroda home improvement LN (Term Loan)	12,00,000/-	8.75	Rs. 10,81,315.00	
742106 00000702 (Car Loan/ Term Loan)	7,50,000/-	9.60	Rs. 2,57,770.00	
Total			Rs.72,19,468.92	

2. In the letter of acknowledgement of debt you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank as on various dated is **Rs.72,19,468.92** (Rs. Seventy two Lac Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty eight and Ninety Two Paise) The outstanding stated in the above include further drawings and interest upto 22.11.2023
3. As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/out standings as on 22.11.2023. You have also in payment of instalments of term loan demand loans which have fallen due for payment on 22.11.2023 and thereafter.
4. Consequently upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on **22-11-2023** in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
5. Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating **Rs.72,19,468.92** (Rs. Seventy two Lac Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty eight and Ninety Two Paise) as stated in para 1 above, along with interest from Aug 2023, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.
6. Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.
7. We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.
8. We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.
9. Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 01.01.2024

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Bank of Baroda

SRI LAKSHMI MAHILA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA

"Lakshmi Sadana", No.3,4, East Anjaneya Temple Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, Ph: 080 26614794

POSSESSION NOTICE (Under Rule 8(1)) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Sri Lakshmi Mahila Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, having its Head office at Gandhi Bazaar, Bangalore-560004, being the secured creditor under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **07-10-2023** calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amounts mentioned against their names within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice:

Sl.No./A/c No.	Name of the Borrower	Name of the Guarantors	Outstanding
01 SPL 10393	Sri Kumar G J. , No.40, Sri Ganesh Temple Street, 9 th Main, 3 rd Stage, Pillanna Garden, Bangalore-560045	1.Smt Valli Dhaivanai , W/o Sri Kumar G J, No.40, Sri Ganesh Temple Street, 9 th Main, 3 rd Stage, Pillanna Garden, Bangalore-560045 2. Sri Arasan G E. , S/o Late K V Govinda Swamy, No.115, 3 rd Cross, Parvathinagar, Laggere, Bangalore-560058	Rs.52,21,770-00 as on 02.01.2024 with further interest and other charges

The above Borrowers/Guarantors have failed to repay the balance outstanding liability, notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read Rule 8 of the said rules on this day of **02-01-2024**.

The Borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the SRI LAKSHMI MAHILA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA, Gandhi Bazaar, Bangalore-560004 for the total outstanding liability of **Rs.52,21,770.00** only with further interest accrued thereon and other charges.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Property bearing site No.12, portion of property No.54/1, House List No.120/2, situated at 4th Cross, Nanjappa Garden, Babusapalya Cross Road, Chelkere Dhakale, Kalyanagar Post, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50ft North to South 15 ft., totally measuring 750 sq.ft bounded on: East by : Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 13, South by: Remaining Portion of Same site No.12.

Date: 02-01-2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sri Lakshmi Mahila Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bangalore

SRI LAKSHMI MAHILA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA

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Sl.No./A/c No.	Name of the Borrower	Name of the Guarantors	Outstanding
01 SPL 10392	Sri Babu C.L S/o Late Gare Lakshmaiah , No.94, Pillekamma Nagar, Chikkajala, Jala (Hobli), Bangalore North Taluk, BANGALORE-562157. 2.Sri Sreekanth T S/o Sri Venkataramma T Chikkajala Post, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064.	1.Smt Kavitha M W/o Sri Babu C.L , No.94, Pillekamma Nagar, Chikkajala, Jala (Hobli), Bangalore North Taluk, BANGALORE-562157. 2.Sri Sreekanth T S/o Sri Venkataramma T Chikkajala Post, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064.	Rs.35,27,852-00 as on 02.01.2024 with further interest and other charges

The above Borrowers/Guarantors have failed to repay the balance outstanding liability, notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read Rule 8 of the said rules on this day of **02-01-2024**.

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The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Property No.1:- All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Property No.234/190, situated at Chikkajala Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 9.14 meters and North to South 7.62 meters in all 69.64 meters bounded on: East by Property of Devary, West by Road, North by Property of Basappa, South by Property of Ganga Ramaiah

Property No.2:- All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Panchayat Katha No.1354/76, with dwelling house situated at Palekammannagar Village, Chikkajala Dhakale, Chikkajala Grama Panchayat, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 19 Feet and North to South 21 Feet totally measuring 399 square feet bounded on: East by Road, West by : Private Property, North by S.K. Gandhi's House, South by Road.

Date: 02-01-2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sri Lakshmi Mahila Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bangalore

BBJ THE BRAITHWAITE BURN AND JESSOP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS FOR PRE-TENDER TIE-UP

e-Tenders are invited, UNDER TWO-BID SYSTEM, from reputed Agency/ies) towards Pre-Tender Tie-Up for construction of balance works of Major Bridge over Middle Strait Creek between Km. 106.580 to Km 108.553 of NH-24 connecting South Andaman & Baratang Island in the union territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands on EPC basis.

e-Tender Nos.: BBJ/PRE-BID/NHDC/AN/01-2024 Dated 03/01/2024; EMD: Rs.25,00,000/-

Tender documents may be downloaded from <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and/or www.bbjonst.com (Tender ID: 2024_BBJC_788594_2). Sealed e-Bids (Two-Cover System) can be uploaded in e-procurement portal up to 16:00 hrs. on or before 09/01/2024 and opening of Tenders (Technical) will be on 10/01/2024 at 15:00 hrs. "Corrigendum", if any, would appear only on the BBJ's website & e-Procurement portal and not to be published in any newspaper.

KARNATAKA STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD
No.16, 2nd Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001
PH: 080-22867369 E-mail: cgmksamb@gmail.com

Tender No. KSAMB/Res/ 30/ 5377 /2023-24 Dated: 02.01.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka State Agricultural Marketing Board (KSAMB), invites competitive tender for the work "fabrication Designing, Creative, Transportation, Erection and Fixing of Flex on 167 Hoardings Pertaining to Agricultural Marketing Reforms Information at 167 APMCs Jurisdiction in Karnataka" from the class-1 PWD contractor through e-procurement portal (INDENT No.APMC/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT220) as per KW-4, Amount put to tender Rs. 707.55 lakhs, EMD at Rs. 10.615 lakhs. The Pre-bid meeting will be held on 12.01.2024 at 11:00 A.M in the above said office. Last date for submission of tender before 31.01.2024 at 5:00 P.M. The details of terms & conditions are available during Office hours & website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/-
Chief General Manager
KSAMB, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/SSC/2849/2023-24

Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Kaduru.
Bengaluru – Honnavara Road, N.H. 206, Kaduru - 577548
Email ID: apmckadur@gmail.com
apmckadur@rediffmail.com Ph.: 08267-200284

No.: AMD/APMC(K)/1339/2023-24 Date: 03.01.2024

Tender Cancellation Notice

Tender for the work of constructing C.C. Road and R.C.C. Drain in the main market yard approved under NABARD R.I.D.F. -29 Scheme for the year 2023-24 invited by the committee as brief tender notice vide No. AMD/APMC(K)/DW/1300/2023-24 dated 21.12.2023 has been cancelled due to Technical Reasons as per the order of Hon'ble Superintending Engineer, Market Development Scheme, Bengaluru vide letter No. AMD/MDS/SE/29/2023-24 dated 02.01.2024.

Sd/- (Dharmaraj M.H.) Sd/- (M.P. Kaviraj)
Secretary (in Charge) Administrative Officer,
Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Kadur

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JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., has taken over Physical Possession of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act. The Authorized Officer of M/s. Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.

Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 25% of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of Bank's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within 15 days thereafter.
3. The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount with application which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above.
4. Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application.
5. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest.
6. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
7. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
8. In case of more than one offer, the Bank will accept the highest offer.
9. The interested parties may contact the Authorized Officer for further details/ clarifications or for submitting their application.
10. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
11. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act/ Rules.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI ACT	Reserve price for private treaty
1	4698944000303	1) Amanulla M, 2) Arshiya Banu	Rs.17,44,617/- (Rupees Seventeen lakh Forty Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Only) as on 10.11.2022	Rs.10,60,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)
Details of Secured Assets: Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of Sy.No.2/P1, situated at Vijayapura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District. East by: Property of Sharapuddin, West by: Property of our, North by: Public Road, South by: Property of our. Measuring 0-0 3/4 guntas. Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of Sy.No.2/P1, situated at Vijaya Pura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District. East by: Property of Sharpuddin, West by: Property of our, North by: Public Road, South by: Property of our. Measuring 0-0 1/4 guntas.				
2	30198640001858	1) M/s. S I Marketing Represented by its Proprietorship Mr. Syed I Mahmood, 2) Mr. Syed I Mahmood Proprietor M/s. S I Marketing, 3) Mrs. Almas Praveen	Rs.10,70,146/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Seventy Thousand One Hundred and Forty Six Only) as of 12.11.2021	Rs.18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Only)
Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Corporation No.11/1, situated in Muddamma Garden, 1st Main in Corporation Ward No.92, Bangalore (PID No.92-64/11/1), Bangalore Presently comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, in total measuring East to West 45 ft and North to South 10 ft and Bounded on: East by: Premises No.11, belonging to Syed Ashfaq Ahmed Faheem, West by: Conservancy Land, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.				

The aforesaid Borrower/s/ Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets.

Correspondence Address: Mrs. Syeda (Mob No.7400445147), email: syedayaseen.rana@janabank.com, Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob No.9590858249), email: ranjan.naik@janabank.com & Mr. Umesh (Mob No.8050149617), email: umesh.m01@janabank.com. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, (formerly known as M/s. Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.), having Office The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Date: 04.01.2024, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 01.01.2024	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
1	45359420001046	1) Manjunath G, 2) Sowmyashree C	14.12.2022	14.03.2023	Rs.17,39,312/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Only)	19.01.2024 Time: 9:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.44,10,000/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Ten Thousand Only)	Rs.4,41,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Forty One Thousand Only)	05.02.2024, Till 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071

Details of Secured Assets: Item-1: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.52 Property No.380/52 formed in Sy.No.59/1 and 59/2 E-Khattha No.15030070110040483 measuring East to West 12.8016 meters and North to South 8.5316 meters and situated at Kempalinganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, now presently comes under Vishweshwarapura Gram Panchayath limits and Bounded on: **East by:** Site No.53, **West by:** Private property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private property. AND **Item-2:** Property bearing Site No.53 property No.380/53 formed in Sy.No.59/1 and 59/2 E-Khattha No.15030070110040484 measuring East to West 12.8016 meters and North to South 8.5316 meters in all measuring 109.25 Sq.meters, Situated at Kempalinganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, now presently comes under Vishweshwarapura Gram Panchayath limits and Bounded on: **East by:** Site No.54, **West by:** Property No.52, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private Property.

The properties are being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the E-Auction will be conducted "On Line". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s. 4 Closure at the web portal <https://bankauctions.in> & www.foreclosureindia.com. For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Bhaskar Naidu Contact Number: 8142000809/ 8142000601. Email id: info@bankauctions.in / subbarao@bankauctions.in.

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob No.9590858249), Mr. Umesh (Mob No.8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (Mob No.7400445147). To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgageors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgageor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 04.01.2024, Place: Bangalore Rural Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/TZ/GLB/SEE (O)/AEE-1/2023-24/13444 Dated : 03.01.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bid against the enquiry No. CEE/TZ/GLB/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2023-24/Services-3/Manpower 10nos Maintenance of line works dtd : 01.01.2024 for Outsourcing the services of 10 Nos of Manpower required at 400kV TLM sub-division, KPTCL, Toranagallu by an external agency under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad.

For more information log on to KPTCL website: <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> or KPPP website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on/after 04.01.2024.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electricity),
Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Prasara Bhavan
Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

NYAYAMITRA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITA
City Civil Court Branch, City Civil Court Compound, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.
THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.
APPENDIX-IV

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 27-10-2023 calling upon the borrower Sri.Prakash.H S/o Hanumantharayappa to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and present balance being Rs.71,65,802/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and two Only) further interest, expenses accrued there on with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 2nd day of January of the year 2024.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita for an amount Rs.71,65,802/- and interest thereon.

Borrower Details:

Borrower Name : Sri.Prakash.H
Surety Name : Sri.Krishnamurthy.H
Loan Amount : Rs.71,65,802/- and further Interest and Expenses accrued.

Description of the Immovable Property.

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of The immovable property bearing site No.5, in Assessment No.24/2, Jnanabharathi Ward No.129, Bengaluru, Situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, presently comes within the limits of B.B.M.P. measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on:

East by : Site bearing No.6,
West by : Site bearing No.4,
North by : Property Sy.No.135/1 belongs to Sri.Dheerendra Vadiya,
South by : Road.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of The immovable property bearing site No.6, in Assessment No.24/2, Jnanabharathi Ward No.129, Bengaluru, Situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, presently comes within the limits of B.B.M.P. measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on:

East by : Property in Sy.No.24/5 belongs to Smt.Nagarathamma,
West by : Site bearing No.5,
North by : Property in Sy.No.135/2 belongs to Sri.M.S.Kulkarni,
South by : Road.

Date : 02.01.2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore. Nyayamitra Sahakari Bank Niyamita

Mysore Silk KARNATAKA SILK INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
3rd & 4th Floors, Public Utility Building, M.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
Phone: 080-25586550 / 25586402 Fax: 080-25587020 E-mail: info@ksic silk.com

No: KSIC/PR/SWF/AMC-EJACQ/07/2023-24 Date: 29-12-2023

Tender for Annual Maintenance Contract for 10 Nos. of Electronic Jacquard Fitted on Shuttle Looms at KSIC, Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru Unit (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders are invited from reputed Firms / Contractors for **Annual Maintenance Contract for 10 Nos of Electronic Jacquard Fitted on Shuttle Looms at KSIC, Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru Unit.**

Tender documents, details of the notification, schedule terms and conditions can be downloaded from <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Last Date and Time for Uploading the tender along with the EMD of Rs. 6,000/- through e-Procurement is 18-01-2024 upto 3.00 PM. The Technical Bids will be Opened on 19-01-2024 at 3.30 PM.

Further details can be had from the Office of the Undersigned during working hours or e-Procurement help desk - 080 - 46010000 and 080 - 68948777.

Sd/-
GENERAL MANAGER (Proc)

DIPR/CP/2789/Advtor/2023-24

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: 605/EEE/MWD/AEE(O)/HBL/2023-24/3533-42 Date: 03.01.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited is energizing 110KV SC line on DC Towers from existing 110KV Mruthyunjanagar Sub station to the proposed 110/11KV Hebballi Sub station for a distance of 13.056 Kms in Dharwad Taluk and District on or after 10.01.2024. The above line is passing through the areas of Kamalapur, Dharwad(V), Dandikoppa, Gongadikoppa, Maradagi, Shivalli, Hebballi Villages of Dharwad Taluk and District.

The above said Transmission line will be energized on or after 10.01.2024. The general public residing near the said newly constructed 110KV line and surrounding villages are requested to keep away from this power line towers, not to tie animals to the towers and not to throw green sticks, wires, tree branches etc., on the lines and not to climb the towers. If anybody does these things, it will be most dangerous to their lives or to their animals. Public of the above villages are requested to take utmost care. KPTCL will not be responsible for any accidents due to the above mentioned causes.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele),
Major Works Division, KPTCL Hubballi.

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IN THE COURT OF THE XX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CJ-32) O.S. No. 3953/2023

BETWEEN: SRI. NAGENDRA V. S/o. R. Venkatesh, aged about 42 years, No.47, Corporation layout, Pipeline Mysore Road, Kasturibhavanagar, Bangalore-26. ... PLAINTIFF -Vs-

DEFENDANTS: Kurn. Sangeetha Bai & others

NOTICE FOR APPEARANCE

DEFENDANT No. 1 UO-8 R-20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

D.1: KUM. SANGEETHA BAI, D/o Narayana Naik, aged about 23 years, No.5, 6th Cross, Durgamma Temple, MES layout, R.G Nagar, Bangalore North To, Bangalore-58

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above suit for permanent injunction against the Defendants, For Permanent injunction restraining the Defendants No. 1 to 3, their representatives' henchmen, agents, servants, rowdy elements etc or any person's claiming under or through them from interfering with the peaceful possession and enjoyment of the suit Schedule Property of the Plaintiff without due processes of law and consequential reliefs of For Permanent injunction directing the Defendants No. 1 to 3, their representatives' henchmen, agents, servants, rowdy elements etc or any person's claiming under or through them, from dispossessing the Plaintiff and his family members from the Suit Schedule Property without due processes of law. In the above suit you are hereby summons to appear in this court in person or by a pleader on 30/01/2024 at 11 o' Clock to answer the same failing which the plaint will be disposed of ex-parte.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance, on the day before mentioned, the Suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the 2 BHK flat bearing No.505, situated at 8th floor, Block-A in the apartment building known as "Panchamukhi Paradise" with super built up area of 1150, comprising of Two Bedrooms, with 1 Attached Bath Room, A Hall, Kitchen, Dining, and A common Bathroom and toilet with utility and balconies and 1 covered car parking in the basement area, together with UOI of 415 sq feet with amenities along with Geyser, Electrical and Plumbing fixtures. The leased portion also consists of (1) Geyser, (2) 3 Ceiling Fans, (3) 2 Nos CFL Bulbs, with clean working condition, constructed on the Sy.No.83, measuring 73,010 sq ft, and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike amalgamated Katha Bearing No.234/83, situated at Pattanagara village, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore. Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 20/12/2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Mr. DEVIAH JILLANDA
at Mattiri Serenity Apartments,
DoddaKasandra, Bangalore-560062.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BIDAR

No. MUN/INDIRACANTEEN/CR-01/2023-24 Date: 01-01-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of work 1) Providing Catering Services for Indira Canteens Urban Local Bodies of (CMC Bidar & TP Aurad B) (DMA/2023-2/SE0941/call-2), 2) Providing Catering Services for Indira Canteens in Urban Local Bodies of (CMC Basavakalyan, TMC Bhalki and TMC Humnabad) of Bidar District in Karnataka State (DMA/2023-2/SE0944 /call-2), 2) Estimated cost: As per e-portal, 3) Eligibility of Agency / Consultant: As per e-portal, 4) EMD amount: As per e-portal, 5) Last date for submission of tender: 16-01-2024, 05:00pm, 6) Technical bid opening 17-01-2024, 05:30 pm, 7) Address for communication: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ, ಬಿದರ್ ಎ-ಮೇಲ್: ka.bidar.dudc@gmail.com, 08482-229332, 8) Website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,
Bidar District, Bidar

DIPR/Bidar/211/KSMC&A/2023-24

Government of Maharashtra
Department of Co-operation, Marketing and Textiles
Asian Development Bank assisted
Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) Project, Pune
Project Management Unit (PMU)
386/2, 10th Floor, Sharada Chambers, Shankar sheth Road, Pune, Pin Code : 411037
E-mail : projectadb@msamb.com, Tel.No - 020-67060000

E-tender advertisement regarding selection of travel agency for facilitating Study Tour & Exposure Visit and Trade Fair & Exhibition Participation under MAGNET Project

E-TENDER NOTICE

Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) Project is a registered autonomous organization. MAGNET project is inviting tenders through electronics tendering system (E-Tender) for selection of travel agency for Study Tour & Exposure Visit [Maharashtra State, National (Outside the State) and International] and Trade Fair & Exhibition Participation (National and International) under output-1 component of MAGNET Project.

For tender package, complete details about project, travel agency eligibility criteria, term of reference etc. and other information visit "http://mahatenders.gov.in". The final authority to select the travel agency based on eligibility criteria will rest with Project Director, Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MAGNET) Project.

Date of E-Tender Issue	Date : 04/ 01/2024	Day :Thursday	Time : 11:00 AM
Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	Date :11/01 /2024	Day :Thursday	Time :03:00 PM
Last Date of E-Tender Submission	Date : 25/01 /2024	Day :Thursday	Time : 05:00 PM
Date of E-Tender Opening	Date : 29/01 /2024	Day :Monday	Time : 03:00 PM

Sign/-
Project Director

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL
PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCE ADVISING

Aditya Birla Finance Limited

Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat 362266
Branch Office: Aditya Birla Finance Limited, No 01/78, Star Avenue, 6th Cross, Victoria Road, Victoria Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560047

"APPENDIX- IV-A"
[See proviso to Rule 9(1) read with Rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for Sale of Immovable Property

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 under proviso to Rule 9(1) read with Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002). Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited, the Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 23rd January 2024 for recovery of Rs. 3,54,64,673/- (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Four Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred And Seventy Three Only) as on 13th September 2023 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization due to the Secured Creditor from Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/ Mortgageors namely (i) Mr. Abdul Jameel (ii) Mrs. Syed Samiunnisa (iii) M/s. Zenner Electrical Company. The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as follows:

Description of the immovable property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit
Residential Apartments at G.R Grand Residency situated at Flat No BG-4, Ground floor, Jaraganahalli Village, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore 560078, all the piece & parcel of property bearing Khata No232 & 234, (old) and property bearing No 132 (old) and presently bearing C.M.C Khata No362 and situated in Kanakapura Jaraganahalli Village Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk and measuring 65340 Sq feet and bounded by [East by : Property of Sri.Ramakrishnappa, West by : Kanakapura Road, North by : Property of Smt.Rukmini, South by : property of Sri.K.S.Rao] Schedule 'D' (Description of undivided share) 1.08% undivided right, title and interest and ownership in Schedule 'C' property which come (which comes to 637 sq.ft land share), Schedule 'E' All that piece and parcel of the Apartment No: BG-4, Ground floor, B Block, G R Gardian Residency built on C Schedule property measuring in all 1122.83 Sq feet built-up area & one covered parking space in the basement, and bounded as follows [East by : Apartment No: BG-3 in G R Grand Residency, West by : Office Block in G R Grand Residency North by : Courtyard in G R Grand Residency, South by : Setback in G R Grand Residency.	Rs. 68,85,000/-	Rs. 6,88,500/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://mortgagefinance.adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/Individual/Properties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx> or <https://sarfaesi.auctiontender.net>

Authorized Officer
Aditya Birla Finance Limited
(9686701466)

Place: Bangalore
Date :04.01.2024

ADDRESS STUDENTS' MENTAL HEALTH CRISES FOR INDIA'S FUTURE

A 21-year-old BBA student of a reputed Bengaluru college committed suicide after her parents denied her permission to participate in a photo-shoot on new year's eve. At first, it may sound like a ridiculous reason to take the extreme step. Ditto with the case of the B.Tech student who in July 2023 jumped to his death from the terrace of a reputed university in South Bengaluru—he had been caught copying at an exam and his mother had been summoned to the varsity office. The apparent reasons may appear silly to many of us. Unfortunately, such immediate triggers are given more prominence while trying to explain student suicides, rather than addressing the deep-rooted reasons that fester in their minds over time. Mental health issues are the prime villains. Depression, trauma, stress, social stigma, discrimination, anxiety rising from the pressure to perform better in academics in an increasingly competitive arena—these are driving students into corners from where their screams for help are often never heard. Their condition remains invisible until a seemingly trivial incident triggers suicide. Often, family and friends of the victim completely miss the symptoms pointing to mental health problems, or worse, have no clue about them.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau, some 10,335 students were reported to have died by suicide in 2019. The figure rose over the next two years to 12,526 in 2020 and 13,089 in 2021. The latest-reported year, 2022, saw a marginal drop to 13,044. That is a worryingly-high number of 48,994 young lives lost in four years before taking the first step into their careers.

A Karnataka government committee to probe the July 2023 suicide recommended open-book exams in higher education to reduce stress among students. However, although beneficial in reducing stress, it does not address the larger problem of mental health issues among them. Mental health is valuable for keeping the country's human resources healthy. But its relative invisibility and misgivings about it deceives us into ignoring the problems which could be even more serious than a raging pandemic. The central and state governments need to work as one to focus on improving mental health right from schoolchildren upwards. That should be among their top priorities, because we are talking about nothing less than the country's future here.

CHECK POLLUTION IN SENSITIVE ENNORE CREEK

At the end of 2023, as most people were taking stock and looking forward to new beginnings, the people of Ennore found themselves knee-deep in the sludge of very old problems. The flooding caused by Cyclone Michaung also caused an oil spill in the Ennore-Manali region of Chennai, which is, paradoxically, ecologically sensitive and home to the highest number of red-category industries in Tamil Nadu at the same time. Ennore residents have long lived with a variety of illnesses linked to pollution, from skin allergies to breathing difficulties and worse. The region's fishing community has had to fight for its livelihood that is encroached upon by industry. Yet, too often, the people of Ennore have been left to fight for the state's attention in the face of environmental and health disasters.

The oil spill is a case in point, with residents and fishers raising the first alarm. Emergency recovery was completed by December 20, with 105.82 kilolitres of oily water and 393.5 tonnes of sludge removed, and a compensation package announced by the state. However, the long-term effects on the Ennore creek, mangroves, birds and fish and the livelihood of fishers have not yet been reckoned with. Worse, before the community could recover, an ammonia gas leak from a fertiliser company in the region put close to 60 people in the hospital with breathing difficulties. Again, it was the community which raised the alarm and sought help. Since then, the residents have formed an association, put together an expert panel and called for their own public hearing while continuing a protest demanding the company be closed.

The recommendations that followed the hearing were entirely reasonable given the ecological importance of the creek. They include notifying the creek as a special wetland, thereby implementing a 2022 National Green Tribunal order, and conducting a health survey in the region. They have also demanded that environmental laws are strictly implemented. This is the bare minimum that any people can expect of their government. Yet, Ennore has shown for too long how, in the name of development, the wellbeing of people and the future of our planet have been trampled upon. In an age when we are reaping almost daily the harms we sowed on the earth, it is time governments got their priorities in order and cracked the whip on those putting people and planet in peril.

QUICK TAKE

IMPLEMENT RULING ON PASSWORDS

THE Delhi High Court recently held that an accused person cannot be coerced into revealing the passwords to his gadgets and online accounts while the trial is on. Justice Saurabh Banerjee observed that the Constitution's Article 20(3), which is about the right against self-incrimination, affords this protection; the judge was granting bail in a case of call centre fraud. Judge Naresh Laka of one of Delhi's district courts had come to the same conclusion in 2022 against the CBI. This reading is not new in our jurisprudence, yet it continues to be flouted by central and state agencies. It needs to be implemented in letter across the country.

MILLIONS are accustomed to repeating a chant of cultivated intuition at the beginning of a year—it is the time to ring out the old and ring in the new. It is, however, likely that many of us who willingly drown ourselves in the tidal wave of new year's euphoria are aware how extremely difficult it is in practice to ring out the old or ring in the new. All the same, it has to be conceded this is one time in the year when a willing suspension disbelief is well worth the while.

Perhaps this very exercise of conditioning oneself to immerse in this thought of transition from old to new for a few days has a therapeutic value, even if the date fixed as the beginning of a year is arbitrary, much like weekends in the smaller cycle of days within a week. In a circle there is neither a beginning nor an end, hence putting these markers would have had to be at their genesis, a matter of fiat or faith.

Except for the modern mind, which has been conditioned by the modern calendar to believe the day marks a new beginning, there is nothing new about a frozen January 1, when half the living world is in deep hibernation. The onset of Spring, when the hibernating world begins awakening, could have looked more appropriate as a marker for the end and beginning in this endless cycle.

For Manipur, even as it enters the ninth month of a deadly and unprecedented ethnic conflict between Kuki-Zo communities and the Meiteis, which has left over 200 dead and several thousand displaced, contemplation of a new beginning is not going to be easy. Already, all the major post-harvest festivals of these communities this year were reduced to no more than sombre observations.

Indications are that this new year is unlikely to usher in any sense of a renewed spirit. Deep conflict scars will not vanish overnight, but even the conflict itself may not lift. With the Union and state governments doing little more than wait and watch, the only hope is for conflict fatigue to force an end to overt hostilities to give temporary respite but not any lasting resolution. The only tangible thing the authorities have done so far is to create a buffer ring at the foothills all around the Imphal valley to prevent rioters from either side crossing to the other side.

While this has prevented any further largescale mayhem, outbreaks of limited gun violence in different pockets

Why is the state only containing conflagrations and not doing enough to douse the fire? And why is the Centre not taking matters into its own hands even after 8 months?

MANIPUR FAILS TO RING OUT THE OLD AT YEAR'S TURN

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are still routine. The question is, should this be all the government is called upon to do? Should it also not be thinking urgently of bringing back the law firmly into its own hands, as should be the case in any state?

As of now, after some voluntary surrenders and seizures by authorities, there are still over 4,000 lethal weapons looted from state police armouries and gun shops still illegally in civil hands. A greater number of these are in the valley area, but a substantive number are in the hills too. Over and above these, there are also an unspecified number flowing in from across Manipur's porous border with Myanmar.

The State should ideally be loved and

feared by its subjects, as Niccolò Machiavelli suggests in his classic treatise on statecraft, *The Prince*. He also says if commanding both love and fear are not possible, then fear should be preferred as the safer option, for love is an obligation which can be forsaken for other gains, while fear of retribution will remain regardless of circumstance. The implication also is that a failed State will command neither.

Against this scale, the Manipur government currently would fare miserably. An atmosphere of bloody anarchy has been allowed to prevail for eight months now with little signs of it ending anytime soon. Other than the 200-plus lives lost and properties destroyed, several thou-

POLISHING OUR ITIs TO CREATE NEW INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE

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upper-secondary level onwards. Enrolment in technical and vocational courses in OECD countries is at 42 percent. The figure in Australia is 49 percent, Germany 45 percent, China 42 percent, Indonesia 44 percent, Japan 22 percent and South Korea 18 percent. As against this, vocational enrolment is estimated at less than 6 percent in India.



ITI PUNJ

Over the last decade, Industrial Training Institutes have introduced new-age courses such as IT and drone technology, signed up with companies for internships and digitalised access to texts. But enrolment remains lower than in industrially-advanced countries as infrastructure quality and trainer availability remains inadequate

There are various reasons for the low share in India. But the main one is the significance Indian society attaches to vocational education. Not considered an aspirational career, ITIs have suffered from a lack of systemic interventions to improve their infrastructure and appeal. A NITI Aayog evaluation study in 2023 noted the systemic challenges of outdated infrastructure, multi-layered over-regulation, chronic trainer shortage and a curriculum struggling to keep pace with the economy. Another internal study by the ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship indicates

sand internally displaced families in relief camps are in despair about their and their children's future. There expectedly is a growing sense of disenchantment all around at the way the state and central governments are handling the crisis. If on one hand the Manipur government has lost the love of those respectful of authority, it seemingly also now commands little or no inhibitory fear among those who have chosen to take the law into their own hands.

If it is a matter of the state government finding itself clueless, the question is, why has the central government not taken constitutional emergency measures to place the state government under animated suspension and take charge to bring back the rightful awe of law? Had this been the resort within the first week of the crisis, when it became evident things were spinning out of the state government's control, so many precious lives so senselessly lost and properties mindlessly destroyed would have been spared. The bitterness which is now feeding the feud would not have been so extensive or deep either.

A growing speculation is of a grand gameplan behind this delay. Rather than decisive moves to freeze the conflict, what has become increasingly apparent is that the authorities were always strangely content applying just enough force to keep the feud from escalating into a raging inferno, but also ensuring the situation remained simmering and tense. Was this meant as a bait for Meitei insurgents to leave their hideouts in Myanmar to join the feud in a big way, so they can be cornered and pressured to either surrender or agree to enter peace talks? If this is so, it must be said it is sinister considering the immense collateral damage—both material and spiritual—this has caused. The plan may also backfire.

Today, most of the foremost Northeast insurgent groups are in peace parleys or have signed accords with the government. Only Meitei insurgent organisations and a faction of Assam's United Liberation Front of Asom are stubbornly refusing all suggestions for negotiating a settlement across the table.

Amid this darkness, even if it is only an induced sense of optimism that the new year brings, one hopes it ushers back some sense to end this frenzied madness, and normalcy returns to this tormented land.

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Income disparity

Ref: Govt could look at taxation to address widening inequality (Jan 3). Despite efforts by governments to boost the economy, all have not benefited. Failure to create jobs may be a major reason for this. Merely tinkering with taxation would be counterproductive. One can only hope the country's rank and file will get enhanced income, leading to equitable distribution of wealth.
Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

Emergency compulsion

Ref: The search for a suitable opposition face (Jan 3). The search for a suitable opposition face would be a never-ending process. Unfortunately, Sharad Pawar is comparing the present scenario with the Emergency days when most leaders contested the polls from behind bars. Thus, as the author rightly observes, it was compulsory to elect the prime minister only after the elections.
G Nataraja Perumal, Tenkasi

CAA returns

Ref: CAA rules to be notified before Lok Sabha polls (Jan 3). Despite the opposition stalling the proceedings of parliament, the Centre is working on notifying the rules of Citizenship (Amendment) Act and targets to do it before the Lok Sabha polls. Once the rules are issued, the law can be implemented and those eligible can be granted citizenship.
KV Raghuram, Wayanad

Power squabble

Ref: Nitish may finally get INDIA bloc convener post (Jan 3). Janata Dal (United) President Nitish Kumar, who was picked over Mallikarjun Kharge being named as the bloc's PM face, is likely to be named the convener. As long as leaders of various constituents of the INDIA bloc persist with power-mongering, their larger intention of defeating the BJP will go abegging.
George Jacob, Kochi

Truckers' doubts

Ref: Truckers' stir off after govt buys peace (Jan 3). The law truckers are protesting can promote recovery mechanisms. Government should resolve the doubts of the concerned parties. If the situation is not handled by talking to truck drivers and transporters as soon as possible, the spiralling inflation can become worrying.
Karan Singh, Chennai

Exemplary discipline

The flawless evacuation of more than 350 passengers and crew from the burning plane at Tokyo's Haneda airport is an example of Japanese discipline. It was the exemplary training of the crew that made it possible.
M Balakrishnan, Bengaluru

Cong set to begin seat-sharing talks

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PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WITH the general elections a few months away, the Congress party is gearing up to initiate seat-sharing negotiations with allies in the INDIA bloc. The aim is to finalize a strategic blueprint for contesting Lok Sabha seats across various states.

Sources have revealed that Congress has already prepared a comprehensive report outlining potential state-wise alliances, drawing upon insights from its state units. This crucial report has been submitted to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, who will spearhead further discussions on seat allocation with INDIA bloc partners.

These vital discussions with state units were coordinated by the five-member National Alliance Committee of Congress, established in December specifically to facilitate these alliance talks. Under the leadership of Mukul Wasnik, the Committee engaged in extensive consultations with most state units about the feasibility and prospects of forming alliances with various parties in different states.

The panel, including notable figures such as former Union Minister Salman Khurshid, ex-Chief Ministers of Rajasthan



Ashok Gehlot and Bhupesh Baghel, and Mohan Prakash, played a pivotal role in these consultations. A party leader shared, "State units conducted thorough deliberations on the potential for alliances with INDIA bloc parties. The majority of state leaders approached these alliances with an open mind. Our evaluations were grounded in the current political landscape and the party's historical performance."

In a significant upcoming meeting this Thursday, top Congress leaders from across the nation will convene to deliberate on the party's preparedness for the Lok Sabha elections and the forthcoming Bharat Nyay Yatra. In this meeting, the Congress chief is expected to discuss the seat-

sharing formula with leaders from different states.

The Congress is anticipated to collaborate with INDIA bloc parties in several states, including Delhi, UP, Bihar, Punjab, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Jammu and Kashmir. Currently, the party has existing alliances in Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra. A leader from the party expressed the ambition to contest all 52 Lok Sabha seats that Congress secured in the 2019 elections.

However, sources indicate that the party faces complex negotiations, particularly with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi and Punjab, and the Trinamool Congress (TMC) in West Bengal. While the Bengal state unit is demanding 6-8

State units unhappy with Kanugolu's list

According to sources, several state leaders were dissatisfied with a list of 'seats' prepared by poll strategist Sunil Kanugolu during the National Alliance Committee meeting. Kanugolu is recognised for his contribution to Congress victory in Karnataka and Telangana. "This list failed to consider the current political climate, the strength and past performance of the party in the respective constituencies," a leader from Bihar commented.

seats, TMC's chief Mamata Banerjee seems reluctant to concede more than two of the 42 seats. The ongoing discord between Congress state chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Mamata Banerjee, coupled with the friction between TMC and CPM, poses significant challenges in forming an alliance in West Bengal. Nevertheless, the state leaders remain optimistic about a potential tie-up.

According to a source, in Delhi, Congress is set to claim three seats, while in Uttar Pradesh, the expectation is to negotiate for 10-15 seats.

The party also plans to contest for 6-8 seats in Bihar and 15-20 in Maharashtra. Additionally, Congress is likely to vie for two seats in Jammu and Kashmir and one in Ladakh.

RSS affiliate Muslim Manch plans march to Ayodhya

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

HUNDREDS of Muslims who donated to the Nirman Nidhi fund created for Ram temple in Ayodhya will travel to the holy city after January 22 for a 'darshan' of the temple post-consecration. The padyatra (foot march) is facilitated by the RSS-affiliate Muslim Rashtriya Manch (MRM).

Shahid Sayeed, the MRM's national executive member and spokesperson said, "Muslim community members from nearly 50 districts of various states are set to visit Ram temple in Ayodhya. Most of them will be coming by cars, bikes, and cycles. The march will strengthen religious amity. The volunteers will be reaching Ayodhya after January 23."

He said a good number of the marchers would be from J&K, besides Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Andhra Pradesh, UP and Delhi. "They are from various backgrounds and represent India's essence of religious amity and brotherhood," he said.

Recently, Indresh Kumar, the chief patron of MRM, lauded the initiative saying all communities belong to Bharat. "The MRM is engaged in garnering



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Muslim support from across 250 districts nationwide, collecting donations from Khankah, madrasa and Islamic schools," Sayeed said, adding contributions from over 10 Islamic universities were consolidated into the 'Nirman Nidhi fund.'

Sayeed said the MRM had presented a collection of signatures from over 8.5 lakh Muslims in favour of the removal of Article 370 and 35A to then President Pranab Mukherjee.

"Nearly 11 lakh Muslims from across the country signed a petition to impose an immediate ban on cow slaughter. The MRM has been running campaigns for several years within the Muslim society against

practices such as triple Talaq and halala", he said.

He added that MRM believes that Ram is Imaam-e-Hind. "Ram is the epitome of virtue, who gave the message of humanity and love," said Sayeed, adding regardless of religion or community, the platform appeals to everyone that when Ram Lalla is enshrined, celebrations should reverberate everywhere.

"The platform strongly advocates the resolution of the Kashmir issue through political, diplomatic, and intellectual efforts, aiming at the state's full integration into India. "Pakistan occupied Kashmir was, is, and will remain ours," he said.

Adani verdict extra-generous, says Cong; CPM terms it 'disappointing'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Wednesday said that the Supreme Court judgment on certain matters relating to transactions by the Adani Group has proven to be 'extraordinarily generous' to Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and asserted that the party's fight against crony capitalism and its ill-effects on prices, employment and inequalities will continue.

Congress general secretary in-charge communication Jai Ram Ramesh said, "Truth dies a thousand deaths when we hear Satyameva Jayate from those who have gamed, manipulated and subverted the system this past decade".

It is noteworthy that SEBI has 'failed' to complete its investigation into the violation of securities laws and stock manipulation by the Adani Group and its associates ten months after the Supreme Court's expert committee asked it to do so, he said. "It is unclear what will change in the next three months other than the Model Code of Conduct for the Lok Sabha elections coming into effect," he said.

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cent revelations include the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project revealing the actual ownership of two of the 13 benami shell companies that SEBI has failed to identify despite years of "investigation". Chang Chung-Ling and Nasser Ali Shaban Ahli held 8-14% of benami holdings in Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, Adani Power and Adani Transmission, he alleged.

This was via shell companies in Mauritius, UAE and British Virgin Islands in blatant violation of SEBI's minimum shareholding laws, Ramesh claimed.

Meanwhile, the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPIM) said that rejecting petitions for an impartial probe is disappointing and unfortunate on several grounds.

Terming the court judgment 'a disappointing verdict', the party said that it is surprising that the court took such a denial at its face value without questioning why the SEBI has not acted on the complaints.

"The Supreme Court judgement in the Adani case, rejecting petitions for an impartial probe is disappointing and unfortunate on several grounds. A statutory body like the SEBI has not been fulfilling its mandate for expeditiously probing allegations against the Adani group. In 2014, the DRI had made a reference to SEBI on a direct charge against Adani. In 2021, Parliament had been informed that the SEBI had been probing allegations against Adani but in its affidavit to the Court, SEBI denied such a probe," read the statement.

No immediate relief to Moitra in cash-for-query case

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday gave no immediate relief to Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Mahua Moitra in the cash-for-query case but sought response from the Secretary General of Lok Sabha Secretariat within three weeks on her plea challenging her expulsion from the Lower House. It refused to pass any order on her plea seeking permission to participate in the Lok Sabha proceedings.

Abhishek Manu Singhvi, senior lawyer appearing for Moitra, urged the court to allow Moitra to participate in the House proceedings, which was rejected by the court's two-judge bench, headed by Justice Sanjiv Khanna. As the court fixed March 11 as the next date of hearing, Singhvi pleaded to reschedule the date possibly to February, citing urgency on the ground of budget session and her participation in it.

Refused to pass any order, the court said, "We would keep the matter pending and we would hear on the issue of jurisdiction and merits open. We will not comment on anything."

"We will not get into the multiple issues that arise with judicial review at this stage. Let reply be filed by first respondent

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Caste-based discrimination in jails

The Supreme Court sought responses from the Centre and 11 states, including UP and West Bengal, on a PIL alleging that the prison manuals of these states encourage caste-based discrimination. A bench took note of senior advocate S Muralidhar's submissions that jail manuals discriminate in the allocation of work inside their prisons.

'Physical presence of servants not required'

Physical presence of government officials in courts may not be necessary except in judicial proceedings involving recording of evidence, the Supreme Court said on Wednesday in its standard operating procedure meant to regulate the summoning of officials by courts across the country.

ent (Lok Sabha Secretariat) be filed in three weeks. List on week commencing March 11," it said. Appearing for the SG LG, Solicitor General (SG) Tushar said that the court should not interfere in the decisions taken inside Parliament to maintain inters discipline.

Singhvi said that Moitra was expelled only for sharing her login ID. She has had the privilege of being in Parliament for 18 years. She was expelled without any rules against password sharing. "Rules invoked deal with hacking," he stated.

On December 8, after her expulsion in the 'cash-for-query' case, 49-year-old Moitra had approached the Supreme Court

challenging the decision and seeking enforcement of her fundamental rights recognised by the Constitution. She was expelled as a Lok Sabha Member after she was found guilty by the Ethics panel in the case.

"The ethics committee order is unfair, unjust and arbitrary," her petition said.

The Ethics Committee had done a severe illegality and she was denied the principles of natural justice during the committee's investigation against her plea said. In an affidavit to the ethics committee, Hiranandani claimed that Moitra had shared with him her login ID and password for the Lok Sabha members' website.

Three cheetah cubs born in Kuno National Park

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

A Namibian Cheetah named Aasha has given birth to three cubs in the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh taking their total number in India to 18. The new additions follow a series of blows in efforts to reintroduce the species to the country after 70 years of its extinction.

Deaths of six adult cheetahs and three cubs last year came as a serious blow to cheetah's conservationists. India was left with only 15 cheetahs, including 14 adults and one survived cub, in the forest till end of 2023.

According to officials, the New Year has brought three new members to the cheetah family indicating that India's cheetah conservation process has begun to yield results.

Sharing the good news, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav released a small video and a photograph of three new-born cubs on social media platform X and congratulated all experts involved in the project, the Kuno wildlife officials, and wildlife enthusiasts across India.

"Purrs in the wild! Thrilled



A Namibian Cheetah gave birth to three cubs in Kuno National Park

Cheetahs declared extinct from India in 1952

Notably, three cheetah cubs born in March 2023 to a female Namibian cheetah, named 'Jwala', died in a sweltering heatwave in May, 2023. Cheetah was formally declared extinct from India in 1952. According to wildlife research organisation Bombay Natural History Society, the last three cheetahs were killed in 1947 by the king of Koriya, a princely state of Central India. The main reasons for the decline were large scale capture of animals from the wild for coursing, bounty and sport hunting, consequent decline in prey base.

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India re-introduced cheetahs on 17 September 2022, bringing eight of the big cats (five female and three male cheetahs). In February 2023, India brought another batch of 12 cheetahs from South Africa.

Purrs in the wild! Thrilled to share that Kuno National Park has welcomed three new members. The cubs have been born to Namibian Cheetah Aasha

Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change

A week after Jaishankar's return from Russia, Ukraine counterpart dials him

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

LESS than a week after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar returned from Moscow, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba had a telephonic conversation with him on Wednesday.

"My first call in 2024 has been with Jaishankar to discuss Ukrainian-Indian relations. I informed Jaishankar of Russia's recent escalation of terror and mass air attacks, which caused civilian suffering and destruction," Kuleba said.

The Ukrainian FM added that they spoke about cooperation on the peace formula.

"I informed Jaishankar about Ukraine's vision for the Global Peace Summit of Leaders. We agreed to hold the first meeting of the India-Ukraine Inter-Governmental Commission in the near future. Our bilateral ties will help us move forward," Kuleba added.

Jaishankar said that he had a useful conversation with Kuleba. "We discussed advancing our bilateral cooperation in the year ahead and exchanged views on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine."



'Dialogue and diplomacy can resolve conflict'

India has been seen as a country that has been trying to mediate peace, and PM Modi's statement that 'this is not an era for war' has resonated well with those who want the conflict to end. India has often suggested the resolution of conflict through dialogue and diplomacy and reiterated that countries should respect international law.

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"We know the position of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and have talked about this more than once. I am referring to his position, his attitude towards complicated processes, includ-

ing hot spots, and the situation in Ukraine. I know he is striving to resolve this conflict through peaceful means," President Putin had said last week, after meeting Jaishankar.

Meanwhile, PM Modi had always reiterated that all countries should respect international law and the sovereignty of countries, disputes should be resolved with diplomacy and dialogue, not war.

Ahead of his US visit in June, 2023, Narendra Modi in an interview with the Wall Street Journal said that when it comes to the Ukraine conflict, "Some people say that we are neutral. But we are not neutral. We are on the side of peace."

■ BJP's former MP CM keeps his supporters in high morale ■ Raj Minister shows off his RSS links ■ Sai Cabinet holds first meeting

Chouhan in Mama ka Ghar: 'Raj Tilak' became 'Vanvas'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

SHIVRAJ Singh Chouhan is the ruling BJP's longest-serving chief minister in the country. The former Madhya Pradesh CM continues to make news with his emotional appeal to the people of the state.

A week after he vacated the CM's residence in the high-security Shyamala Hills area to shift to his new bungalow in the posh 74 Bungalows area in Bhopal, the former CM named on Wednesday, his new residential address as **Mama ka Ghar** (maternal uncle's house) to keep connecting emotionally with the state's people, particularly girls and women.

A short while later, Chouhan took to the social media platform X to post: "The address has changed, but Mama ka Ghar will remain Mama ka Ghar. My bond with sisters, nieces, nephews and brothers is of love, trust and affinity, my doors will always remain open for them. Whenever you remember me, come here without hesitation, because this is your maternal uncle and brother's house."

A few hours before naming his new address in Bhopal as Mama ka Ghar, the former CM



Yadav chairs govt's first full-fledged cabinet meet

Biographies of brave women, including the erstwhile warrior queen of the Gondwana kingdom, Rani Durgavati will be included in the university curriculum of Madhya Pradesh, the new chief minister of the state Dr Mohan Yadav announced on Wednesday. At the cabinet meet chaired by the CM in Jabalpur, it was decided to conduct annual awards for social activist women in the memory of the warrior queens.

was in Shahganj area of his home district Sehore, which neighbours the MP capital.

Addressing the gathering there, Chouhan said, "Kahin na kahin koi bada uddeshya hoga, kayee baar Raj Tilak hote hote Vanvas ho jaata hai (There must be some bigger objective, many times, exile takes place instead of coronation. But whatever happens is actually meant for some bigger objective.)"

"Our new government will

work to fulfill whatever promises have been made. Those promises include a job for every family, houses for the beneficiaries of the Ladli Behna scheme and also a slew of promises for farmers."

Striking an emotional chord with the women, Chouhan said, "Whether I'm the CM or not is immaterial, I'll not go anywhere, I'll live here and die here. My life is for you, I'm here to eliminate pain from your lives."

Minister removes portrait of Gandhi

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

AFTER the cabinet expansion of the Bhajan Lal Sharma government in Rajasthan, several ministers have assumed their roles in the new year. However, controversy surrounds cabinet Minister Avinash Gehlot, who reportedly removed pictures of Mahatma Gandhi and Baba Saheb Ambedkar from his office. All BJP CMs and other ministers in Rajasthan adorn their chambers with portraits of these iconic figures.

The opposition Congress has hit out at the minister Gehlot. "He became a minister after taking oath, but as soon as he sat in the chair, he removed the portrait of the architect of the Constitution and replaced it with that of the RSS founder."

The controversy has forced Avinash Gehlot on the back foot. "Today was the first day in office, and the chamber is still being set up. Due to time constraints and the auspicious timing, pictures of all the great men are not yet displayed, but they will be added soon. We fully respect great personalities," Gehlot said, emphasizing that he assumed charge on New Year after prayers and chanting of mantras in his room at the



Mantralaya building of the Secretariat.

It was later revealed that there were no portraits of Mahatma Gandhi and Ambedkar among the ones placed behind Gehlot's chair in the room. Instead, portraits of RSS founder and first Sarsangchalak Dr Keshav Rao Baliram Hedgewar and second Sarsangchalak Madhavrao Sadashivrao Golwalkar have been displayed. Seven photographs, including the picture of Bharat Mata, have been arranged behind Minister Gehlot's chair in his chamber.

These images are accompanied by photographs of former PM Vajpayee, President Draupadi Murmu, PM Modi, and CM Bhajan Lal Sharma. The presence of portraits of Hedgewar and Golwalkar was a rare sight in government offices.

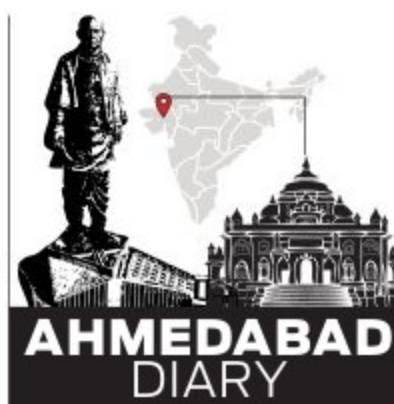
C'garh for CBI investigation into job 'scam'

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

IN a significant decision, the Vishnu Deo Sai cabinet on Wednesday decided to recommend a CBI probe into the alleged corruption and irregularities in the recruitment of Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC) exam-2021. The state cabinet cited the youths' interest and decided to hand over the complaints to the Central agency. The BJP had vowed to order such a probe in its manifesto.

The complaints alleged that many selected candidates were close relatives of bureaucrats, politicians and businessmen who secured superior ranks and got better posts. The CGPSC-2021 exams recruitment list contained candidates selected for 170 posts in 12 departments, including the state administrative and police services.

The BJP while in opposition made the alleged corruption a major issue with former CM Raman Singh writing to PM Modi seeking a CBI probe. Former BJP MLA Nanki Kanwar moved the HC in September last year following which the division bench expressed "surprise" over the relatives and children of senior officials having secured high ranks.



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CM critiques municipal authorities' work

On Tuesday, in Gandhinagar, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel criticised the working methods of municipal authorities during a cheque distribution event for ₹2,084 crore, aimed at the development of various towns in the state. Patel highlighted issues such as the inefficient approach to infrastructure development, like building roads only to later destroy them for sewerage projects. Emphasising the need for proper planning, he stressed that funds would be provided for well-planned projects. He also pointed out the unfair practice of prioritising development projects in wards led by influential leaders.



PM's secretary takes interest in GIFT City

GIFT City in Gandhinagar, initially a project envisioned by Prime Minister Modi when he was Chief Minister, is gaining attention following the easing of its liquor ban. Sources indicate that PK Mishra, the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, has been assigned oversight of GIFT City to transform it into a global economic hub. Mishra is expected to conduct regular review meetings in Gandhinagar, with his recent visit coinciding with the launch of the Wine and Dine facility in GIFT City, leading to speculation about his increased involvement in the project.

South gains prominence in state politics

Traditionally, the Saurashtra zone has held significant influence in Gujarat's political sphere, especially in selecting BJP state presidents. However, now with C.R. Patil from South Gujarat's Navsari becoming the state president, there has been a noticeable shift in influence towards South Gujarat. This shift has been evident in the state government's decisions and organizational choices over the past few days. Recent reports indicate that three IAS officers had been transferred, mostly with Surat City in the south of Gujarat being a key focus for these appointments. It clearly suggested that there was a growing political clout in the region.

ASI urges Varanasi court to hold Gyanvapi survey report for four weeks

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on Wednesday urged the Varanasi district court to postpone the release of the report of scientific survey conducted by it on Gyanvapi mosque premises by four weeks as the agency was supposed to submit the same report to Varanasi Court of Civil Judge (Senior Division), Fast Track Court, in compliance of the Allahabad HC order of December 19 and that it needed time to prepare another copy of the report.

Varanasi district judge DR AK Vishwesha would pronounce the order in the matter on Thursday. The agency has to submit the report in lower court in connection with the Gyanvapi title suit of 1991. The ASI had submitted the survey report in the Varanasi district court on December 18, last year. The Allahabad High Court, on December 19, had dismissed a batch of petitions challenging the maintainability of civil suit of 1991 pertaining to Kashi Vishwanath temple-Gyanvapi land title dispute.

The High Court had held that the title suits filed by the Hindu plaintiffs and pending before

'Misinformation'

The ASI, in an application, contended that before the submission of the survey report to lower court of Varanasi, its release into the public domain would be inappropriate. "It may end up in spreading rumours and misinformation potentially impacting the ASI's ongoing work," contended the agency.

Varanasi trial court were maintainable. The Allahabad HC had also directed that the report of ASI survey conducted in one suit shall also be submitted in connection with the other pertaining suits and if the lower court felt that a survey of any part was necessary, the court may direct ASI to conduct it.

The ASI, in an application, contended that before the submission of the survey report to lower court of Varanasi, its release into the public domain would be inappropriate. "It may end up in spreading rumours and misinformation potentially impacting the ASI's ongoing work," contended the agency. It may be noted that the ASI had conducted a 90-day scientific survey on the premises of Gyanvapi mosque.

■ Shinde, Fadnavis, Ajit gear up for LS polls ■ Ministers assigned constituencies in Gujarat

Mahayuti plans rallies across state's 7 divisions

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai



BJP and its alliance partners will win at least 400 seats in 2024 Lok Sabha elections with 51 per cent vote share. People have immense faith in PM Modi

Chandrashekhar Bhawankule, BJP chief

Vote bank

In a bid to consolidate vote bank, three alliance parties will hold joint mega rallies in seven divisions of the state. CM and his deputies will address meetings.

THE BJP-led Mahayuti on Wednesday expressed confidence in winning 45 of the total 48 seats in Maharashtra in the upcoming Lok Sabha election. Also, in a bid to consolidate their vote bank, all the three alliance parties — Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena, BJP, and Ajit Pawar's NCP — will hold joint mega rallies in seven divisions of the state.

State BJP president Chandrashekhar Bhawankule, NCP's Sunil Tatkare, and Shiv Sena minister Dada Bhuse jointly addressed a press conference and made the announcements.

During the rallies, CM Shinde and his deputies - Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar - will address the Mahayuti workers. He said the victory will not be limited to the Lok Sabha polls but the state Assembly will also have over 200 MLAs from the alliance.

"BJP and its alliance partners will win at least 400 seats in 2024 Lok Sabha elections with 51 per cent vote share. The people have immense faith in the leadership of PM Narendra Modi and his developmental vision. Our focus is welfare of farmers, youth, women and poor families. These are the backbone of our economy and our government has been strengthening it. We are reaching out every household," he added.

NCP (Ajit Pawar) state president Sunil Tatkare said that the NCP, BJP and Shiv Sena are in power, they need to face the elections unitedly. "In government, all the three leaders - Shinde, Fadnavis and Pawar - are very experienced and the people are very happy with our government so we need to reach out to them and list our achievements," Tatkare said.

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BJP firms up plan to win all 26 Lok Sabha seats

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA

@ Ahmedabad

AHEAD of the Lok Sabha polls, the Gujarat BJP on Wednesday worked out strategies to ensure victory in all 26 seats with a huge majority for a third straight term.

Senior party leaders and former ministers have been given responsibility for each of the seat.

On January 6, a key meeting will be held to further deliberate on it. Besides, a committee has been formed to bring in unhappy politicians from other parties into the party fold.

Bharat Boghra, the state party vice-president, has been appointed to pull disgruntled leaders from other parties into the fold in agreement with other members of the panel.

Deputy chief whip Jagdish Makwana, Minister of State for Education Praful Panseria, Vadodra District in charge Rajesh Pathak, and BJP Yuva Morcha East Region Vice President Himanshu Patel are all members of this committee.

To achieve a hat-trick of victories in all 26 seats, and to win each seat with a lead of over 5 lakh votes, clusters of 3-3 party leaders have been formed for



each of the 26 seats.

Old commands like ex-home minister Pradeep Singh Jadeja, former education minister Bhupendra Singh Chudasma, and former state party president R. C. Faldu have been roped in for the purpose.

The panel also includes Mahila Morcha National Vice President Jyoti Pandya, MLA Amit Thakar, and K.C. Patel. Narhari Amin, Rajya Sabha MP, and Babubhai Jabla, National General Secretary of Kisan Morcha, have also been given crucial responsibilities.

On January 6, this cluster team will hold a meeting in Gandhinagar discuss the issue of implementation of various electoral programmes.

Centre focuses on village welfare plans along China border in U'khand

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

NITI, the last village in Chamoli district bordering China, will be connected to double lane road this year. These days, developmental work of widening the road is in the final stage. Work on cutting hills is being done from Malari to Niti village (17.35 km) and asphalt work is being done at some places.

Officials of the Oasis company, which is engaged in the construction, claimed to have completed the double lane work of the road by October this year. The company's manager, SP Singh, told, "Nearly 15 kilometers of road surfacing has been completed. The remaining 2.5 kilometers of work will also be completed soon. This road connects the border area villages of Kailashpur, Farkiya, Banpa, Gamshali, and Niti".

The development of a double-lane road in Niti village aims to alleviate the challenges faced by devotees when visiting the Timmarsain cave to seek bless-



ings from Baba Barfani.

Manager Singh told, "During the New Year, devotees encountered difficulties in accessing Timmarsain Mahadev for darshan, resulting in a temporary suspension of the double-lane road construction for two days."

The expansion project has been successfully completed by excavating rocky terrain from Gamshali to Niti village in the face of challenging geographical conditions. Sources at the construction site revealed, "Currently, widening efforts are focused on the area around Hanuman temple in Kailash-

pur village, where about 80 metres of hill cutting work is going to take place".

A total of 51 villages in Uttarakhand, situated along international borders, particularly with China, are set to undergo development as part of the central government's "Vibrant Village Programme".

These villages have been selected for the initial phase of the program, which will focus on improving road connectivity in the region.

According to the sources, "The central government has identified 2,967 villages across 46 blocks in 19 districts along the northern borders to be developed under the Vibrant Village Programme". In the first phase, priority has been given to 662 of these villages, including 455 in Arunachal Pradesh, 75 in Himachal Pradesh, 35 in Ladakh, 46 in Sikkim, and 51 border villages in Uttarakhand. The government is particularly focused on improving and enhancing road connectivity from the last village along the country's border.

Kejri skips ED summons again

ANUP VERMA @ New Delhi

SKIPPING the Enforcement Directorate's third summons, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal accused the agency of being opaque and arbitrary and asked if they were issued to tarnish his reputation. In response to the summons to appear before it in person on Wednesday, the AAP convenor shot off a letter to the agency, condemning the move as motivated and made for vexatious considerations.

"It is a matter of concern that despite my comprehensive response(s) bringing to your notice critical dimensions and legal objections involved in issuing summons to me to appear 'in person' in your purported exercise of powers under Section 50 of PMLA, you have chosen not to respond.

Therefore, I reiterate that the summons are motivated and issued for vexatious considerations," he wrote, adding it appears to be a fishing expedition.

Maha row: State milk dairy goes to NDDB

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

A controversy erupted on Wednesday following the decision by the Maharashtra government's Mahanand Dairy to hand over its operations to the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), headquartered in Anand, Gujarat. Opposition parties accuse the BJP-led Maharashtra government of favouring Gujarat by potentially enabling Amul, a Gujarat-based company, to expand in Maharashtra.

Mahanand Dairy's board has decided to transfer its operations to NDDB due to significant losses. The dairy processes only 100,000 liters of milk daily, far below its 1 million liter capacity. This underutilization has led to substantial losses, unused machinery, and mounting employee dues. Of Mahanand's 937 employees, 560 have opted for the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).

Maharashtra BJP Minister Radhakrishna Patil clarified that NDDB, a central government entity, is not affiliated with the Gujarat government. He emphasized that this transfer doesn't imply Gujarat will



Members of pro-Kannada organisation broke into a protest after reports claimed the entry of Amul products in Karnataka market in April 2023 | FILE

manage the operations.

Shiv Sena (UBT) member Sanjay Raut criticized the Maharashtra government for prioritizing Gujarat's interests over local farmers and milk producers. He expressed concern that Maharashtra is losing major projects to Gujarat, fearing a trend of transferring businesses and cooperative sectors to Gujarat.

Maharashtra Congress President Atul Londe accused Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Ministers Deven-

dra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar of capitulating to BJP's top leadership. Londe cited previous project relocations to Gujarat and alleged that the current government's decisions are undermining Maharashtra's co-operative sector, warning of a potential economic collapse in rural Maharashtra. He alleged that the BJP and its Gujarat leadership should get a free hand to relocate the infrastructure projects from Maharashtra to Gujarat, therefore, the Uddhav Thackeray government was toppled with that sole intention.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients J. Vishwanath Rao S/o., Late. G. Jayamani and Amogh Vishwanath S/o., J. Vishwanath Rao proposed purchase the schedule property from B.A. Seetharamaiah, B.A. Gangaraju and Shanta Kumari. That if any person/s Bank/s, Authorities has/have any objections for the proposed sale transaction or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof within **(15) fifteen days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned failing which thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transactions and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of an immovable Property bearing Site No.1477, 3rd Block Vishweswariah Layout, Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore South, BDA Katha No. ೨೦. ೬. ೨೨ / ೨೦ ೬ (೨) /SMVL-III/1477/2017-18 measuring East West:18.00 meters and North-South:12.00 meters, total 216.00 sq. meters, and bounded on the: East: Road, West: Site No. 1461, North: Site No. 1476, South: Site No. 1478, **RAVIKUMAR, K. R Advocate** No.537, 1st Main, Upper Street, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060. Mob: 9844672852 Place: Bangalore Date: 03/01/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed that my client Nilesh Saha s/o Nihar Ranjan Saha, intends to purchase the property described in the schedule herein under, from Himanshu Singh s/o Nagendra Singh ("Seller/ Vendor"), land developed by **M/s Manyata Developers Pvt Ltd.** The "Seller/ Vendor" represents and warrants that he is the sole owner of the schedule property and he has not conveyed or entered into any Agreement to Sell/MOU or any sort of agreement with any person/s, for sale/transfer of the schedule property and that the Vendor/seller further represents and warrants that he has not encumbered, mortgaged or created any lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from him no other person/s, includes legal heirs, Firm or Company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within **Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of vacant residential **Plot No.252**, carved out Survey No.73A measuring **2 Acre 23 guntas** of converted land, V.P. Khata No.329/252 and PID No. 150302040/12148, totally measuring 222.96 Sq.mts, in residential layout called as "EARTH SONG BY MANYATA-PHASE-3", situated at Ilthore Village, Kundana Taluk, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on East by : Road, West by : Park, North by: Park South by: Plot No.251.

Prashanth B.K, Advocate, No.17, Sir M V 2nd Cross, Kalkere Main Road, Ramamurthy nagar Bengaluru-560016 M : 09900056401 Bengaluru Date : 04-01-2024



PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to purchase the property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner **ISIRI BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS PVT.LTD**, a private limited company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act 2013, having its registered office at No. 05, Iatri Residency, 1st Cross, 'B' Sector, MIG 1st Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore 560 064 and **SMT.YESHODHAMMA.C**, aged about 62 years, wife of Sri.K.R.Aswathappa & daughter of late Sri. Chinnegowda, residing at No.8565, 11th Cross, JC Layout, Near RR Temple, Devasandra, KRPutram, Bangalore-36 and others. It is represented by the present owners that they have clear and marketable title to the Item No. 1 & 2 of the Schedule Property respectively. Any person/persons who claims any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and/or has any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents **within fifteen (15) days** hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my clients would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the commercially undeveloped converted lands (exclusive of Kharab lands) (converted vide various official memorandums issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Chikaballapur District, Chikaballapur) for setting up of an educational school/college/complei in various survey numbers of Uchhalagollihalli & Kadraidevarahalli Villages, Thodebhalli Hamlet, Gowdanur Taluk, Chikaballapur District as detailed below

No	Sy	No	Extent	East by	West by	North by	South by
1	33	2	Acres 22Guntas	Sy.No.35	Sy.No.25	Sy.No.27 & 47	Lake
2	25	6	Acres 33 & 32	Sy.No.33 & 32	Sy.No.8/2A	Sy.No.28/1 & 2/3	Lake
3	34	6	Acres 35 Guntas	Sy.No.35	Sy.No.33	Sy.No.47	Lake
4	10/3	1	Acre 12 Guntas	Yellappa's Land	Mangalamma's Land	Sy.No.11	Muniyappa's (Land)
5	35	1	Acre 10 Guntas	Sy.No.36	Sy.No.34	Remaining portion	Lake
SY.No.35							

UCHALAGOLLAHALLI VILLAGE
6 13/3 137 Guntas
ARVIND RAGHAVAN Advocate
No.48, ISHITHA, 2nd Main Road, Vyalikaval, Bangalore 560003. Mob: 98450 04419

Can Fin Homes Ltd
"SAJINI", # 69 (Old No.35)
Ground Floor, 12th Main
Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bangalore-560011
Mob:7625079101, Ph: 080-26630501
E-mail id: jayanagar@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

JAYANAGAR BRANCH

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 9(1)]

E- Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Jayanagar Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on **25-01-2024**, for recovery of **Rs. 88,00,000/-**(Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr.Abhishek Raju D S/o Late Dhana Raj D**, (Borrower) **Mrs. Nalini Raju** W/o Late Dhana Raj D (Co-Borrower) as on 03.01.2024 together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 55,00,000/-**(Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.5,50,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Five Thousand Only).

Description of the Immoveable Property

All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing Flat No.101, first Floor,"ASRITHA LIFESTYLE" Having super built up area of 1425 sq.ft. and undivided share of 287 sq.ft. along with one covered car parking situated at northern portion of site No.12, BBMP Katha No.117/116/116/37/12, of Haralukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the: East by : Tendulkar's property, West by : Private Property, North by : Road & Private Property, South by : Corridor & Flat No.102 & 105.

Encumbrances : Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (<https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx>). Link for participating in e-auction : www.bankauctionwizard.com

Date: 03.01.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

ASREC (INDIA) Ltd.
Registered Office: Solitaire Corporate Park, Building No.2, Unit No 201-202 A & 200-202 B, 6th Floor, Andheri, Ghatkopar Link Rd, Chakala, Andheri (E), Mumbai - 400093
Branch Office: M/s. ASREC (India) Ltd, Room No.3, 3rd Floor, Wellington Estate, 53, EthirajSalai, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION - SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas **ASREC (India) Ltd** is a Securitisation and Asset Reconstruction Company (hereinafter referred as "ASREC") and secured creditor of M/s. Body Basics (Borrower) by virtue of Assignment Agreement executed with Karur Vysya Bank. **ASREC (India) Limited** acting in its capacity as Trustee of **ASREC – PS 12/2014-15** Trust wide Assignment Agreement dated **September 29, 2014** has acquired the financial asset along with underlying security from Karur Vysya Bank.

The Authorised Officer of Karur Vysya Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 herein after termed as SARFACSI Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Relevant provisions of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued demand notice u/s. 13(2) of SARFACSI Act, 2002 on January 29, 2007 calling upon the Borrower/M/s. Body Basics represented by its Proprietrix M/s. Kum Kum Malhotra and its Mortgage/Guarantor/1) M/s. Kum Kum Malhotra, 2) Mr. P N Malhotra to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 15,70,97,375.93 (Fifteen Crore Seventy Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Five Paise Ninety Three Only) as on December 31, 2006 together with further interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices. The borrower / guarantor /mortgagor having failed to repay the said amount, The Authorized Officer of Karur Vysya Bank had taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 on May 28, 2008.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ASREC (India) Ltd being the Assignee of the debt of M/s. Body Basics from Karur Vysya Bank (Original Lender & Assignor) had taken physical possession of the properties on 30.11.2021 and invites offers for purchase of immovable property on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" as per particulars given hereunder.

The dues of the borrower as on **December 31, 2023 is Rs.20,11,44,156.89 (Rupees Twenty Crore Eleven Lakhs Forty Four Thousand One Hundred Fifty Six And Paise Eighty Nine Only)** together with up to date interest incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

Description of the Property: Lot No. I & Flat No. 6, 1st Floor, Site No. 16, 17 & 18 Door No. 20 Land Mark Towers, Amarajothi AS Nagar, Off. Kangeyam Road, Tirupur-641 604 [UDS: 529.77 Sq. Ft. with constructed building of 1148 Sq. Ft.].
Lot No. II - Flat No. 17, Fourth Floor Site No. 16, 17 & 18 Door No. 20 Land Mark Towers, Amarajothi AS Nagar, Off. Kangeyam Road, Tirupur-641 604 [UDS: 529.77 Sq. Ft. with constructed building of 1148 Sq. Ft.].
Lot No. III - Flat No. 20, Fourth Floor Site No. 16, 17 & 18 Door No. 20 Land Mark Towers, Amarajothi AS Nagar, Off. Kangeyam Road, Tirupur-641 604 [UDS: 529.77 Sq. Ft. with constructed building of 1148 Sq. Ft.].
Three Flats Total Rs. 55,50,000/-.

Encumbrance known to Secured Creditor/ASREC (INDIA) Ltd: NIL

Date and Time of E-auction	24.01.2024, 11 AM to 12 Noon for Lot –I, 1 PM to 2 PM for Lot –II, 4 PM to 5 PM for Lot –III. With auto time extension of five minutes each till sale is completed
Reserve Price	Item No. I - Rs. 19,50,000/-, Item No. II - Rs. 19,50,000/-, Item No. III - Rs. 19,50,000/-
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Item No. I: Rs. 1,95,000/-, Item No. II: Rs. 1,95,000/-, Item No. III: Rs. 1,95,000/-
Bid Incremental Value	Rs.25,000/-
EMD Remittance	Through NEFT/RTGS in the Account No.09020110001082: Name of the Account: ASREC – PS 12/2014 – 15 Trust, IFSC Code: BKID0000090, Bank: Bank of India SSI Andheri (East) Branch, Mumbai.
Date and Time of Inspection of the Property	10.01.2024 between 10 AM and 3 PM Contact Details: Mr. Ananthu Kumar – Mob No.7092232233. Mr. Senthil Kumar – Mob No.8056794148.
Last date for submission of online bid application with EMD	23.01.2024 up to 4 PM.

Terms and conditions:
1) The property is sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" condition. The purchasers should make their own enquiries regarding any statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax etc
2) E-auction tender document containing online e-auction bid form, General Terms and conditions of online auction sale are available in website www.asrecindia.co.in and www.bankauctions.com. This notice also serves as fifteen (15) days' notice to the Borrowers / Guarantors under Rule 8 (6), 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules of SARFACESI Act 2002.

Date: 04.01.2024
Place: Chennai

Authorised Officer
ASREC India Limited

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ORIGINAL DOCUMENT LOST

A Registered Cancellation of Release Deed bearing Document No.**JAY-01-01617-2020-21 dated 31.07.2020 stored in CD JAY0772**, duly registered at the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru City pertaining to Residential House Property bearing BDA & Municipal No.290, situated at C.T Bed, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore, measuring East to West 25-0 feet and North to South 28.6/29.6/2 Sq. feet, in all measuring 724 Sq.feet with AC Sheet roofed house, now bearing BBMP PID No.154-W0186-73, Ward No.154 with all civic amenities has been lost or misplaced during last week of December 2023 while making photocopies of the documents at Jayanagar Bengaluru. General public who ever finds it is requested to return the same to Sri. Chethan. M. #3, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Seven Hills Layout, Chikkalsandra, Bengaluru 560 061 or call on mobile **7019365751**.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the General Public at large, we hereby notify that, Our Client, **McVINAY KUMAR CHIKKADI**, has intended to purchase the immovable property from M/s. Oraiyan Groups, 1st Floor, # 54, Elegant Embassy, 12th Main Road, 27th Cross, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru. Any person, institution, or authority having any claims, objections, or encumbrances against the said property is hereby requested to bring forth the same **within 15 days** from the date of this notice. All concerned parties are further notified that failing to do so within the stipulated time frame, failing which my client would proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there is no claim or objections, and no claim shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE

Property Bearing Vacant Site No: 109 & 109A, in the Proposed residential Layout, Oraiyan New City, in Old Sy No: 41, New Sy No 61, Kumbalagodu Gollahalli village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru. Measuring East to West by 40 feet and North to South 40 feet, Bounded on **EAST BY:** Site No: 108, **WEST BY:** Site No: 110, **NORTH BY:** 30' Road and **SOUTH BY:** Private Property.

CONTACT: C. Harita, Advocate, P2, No.19, 1st Floor, Opy 581, KSRCT Layout Branch, Subramanyapura Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-61. Mobile No.9741534568

EAST COAST RAILWAY

e-Tender Notice No. : ST-OT-ART-KUR-DIVN-365, Dtd.27.12.2023

Name of Work : PROVISION OF 04 NOS. ART (ACCIDENT RELIEF TRAIN) AT KUR, BHC, TLHR, PSA, TELECOM EQUIPMENTS IN KHURDA ROAD DIVISION OF EAST COASTRAILWAY.

TenderValue : ₹ 37,44,321.76
EMD : ₹ 74,900/-
Tender closing Date and time : At 1100 hrs. on 18.01.2024
Bidding Start Date : 04.01.2024

No manual offers sent by Post/ courier/ Fax or in person shall be accepted against e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website : www.ireps.gov.in.
NOTE: The prospective tenders are advised to revisit the website 15 days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/ corrigenda issued for this tender. website: www.ireps.gov.in

PR-946/O/23-24 Dir. Sig. & Telecom. Engineer, Khurda Road

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Mrs. N. G. SAVITHRI**, W/o K. Ramakumar, Aged about 65 years, Residing at No. 49/12, Laxmi Nivas, 31st Cross, East Jayanagar 4th T Block, Corporation Layout, Bangalore- 560041 My Client Aged About 65 years, Residing at No49/12, Laxmi Nivas, 31st Cross, East Jayanagar 4th T Block, Corporation Layout, Bangalore- 560041 My client aged 4th T Block, Corporation Layout, Bangalore- 560041 who is the owner of below mentioned property and she was having Original Gift Deed bearing number **BNG(U)-KNGR/1473/2003-2004**, in respect of Property converted residential site bearing No.398 measuring East to West 40ft, (12.2mt) and North to South 30ft.(9.14mt) in all totally measuring 1200sq.ft. (111.5sq.mt) in the "H" schedule properties and the layout known as "ROYAL COUNTY" situated at Kothnur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and the aforesaid Original Gift Deed has been lost/misplaced at No49/12, Laxmi Nivas, 31st Cross, East Jayanagar 4th T Block, Corporation Layout, Bangalore- 560041 from 20/12/2022 to 07/02/2023 and she has made best efforts in tracing the same but efforts were in vain, Further she lodged a police complaint in this regarding on 02/01/2024 with E-lost report No 0872657/2024, if anyone found the aforesaid document, kindly contact at the office address given below.

Mohammed Hussain, K.B.A.L, LLB, Advocate, No.609, 10th A Main Road, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bengaluru- 560011. (Near Jayanagar Sub Registrar Office). Mobile No.9739818825

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Twin blasts in Iran kill 103 near Gen Soleimani's grave

The explosions, 20 minutes apart, struck near Kerman Martyrs Cemetery

TEHRAN

TWO bombs exploded minutes apart on Wednesday at a commemoration for a prominent Iranian general slain in a US drone strike in 2020, officials in Iran said, killing 103 people.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for what appeared to be the deadliest militant attack to target Iran since its 1979 Islamic Revolution. The blasts shook the city of Kerman, about 820 kilometres southeast of Tehran, and sent shrapnel hurtling into a screaming crowd fleeing the first explosion. At least 211 people were wounded.

The gathering marked the fourth anniversary of the killing of Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of the Revolutionary Guard's elite Quds Force, in a US drone strike in Iraq. The explosions occurred near his grave site as long lines of people gathered for the event.

Iranian state television and officials described the attacks as bombings. Ahmad Vahidi, the interior minister, said the first bomb detonated around 3 pm, with the other going off some 20 minutes later. He said the second blast killed and wounded the most people.

Images and video shared on social media appeared to correspond with officials' accounts, which said the first blast happened about 700 metres from Soleimani's grave in the Kerman Martyrs Cemetery. The crowd then rushed west along Shohada, or Martyrs, Street, where the second blast struck about 1 kilometre from grave. A delayed second explosion is often used by mili-

People try to rescue an injured man after a blast in Kerman, Iran on Wednesday at an event honouring Iranian general Qassem Soleimani slain in a US airstrike | AP

Architect of regional military activities

Qassem Soleimani was the architect of Iran's regional military activities and is hailed as a national icon. He also helped secure Syrian President Bashar Assad's government after the 2011 Arab Spring protests against him turned into a civil, and later a regional, war that still rages today.

tants to inflict more casualties by targeting emergency personnel responding to an attack. IRNA quoted officials for the cas-

ualty figures, which rose rapidly in the hours after the explosions. Authorities declared that Thursday would be a national day of mourning. Iran's president Ebrahim Raisi condemned on Wednesday the twin blasts that shook the country's south.

"Undoubtedly, the perpetrators ... of this cowardly act will soon be identified and punished for their heinous act by the capable security and law enforcement forces," said Raisi in a statement.

"The enemies of the nation should know that such actions can never disrupt the solid determination of the Iranian nation," he added. Agencies

Permission was for JAL to use runway, not coast guard

TOKYO

A transcript of communication between traffic control and two aircraft that collided and burst into flames at Tokyo's Haneda Airport showed that only the larger Japan Airlines (JAL) passenger flight was given permission to use the runway where a coast guard plane was preparing for takeoff.

The Transport Ministry on Wednesday released a transcript of air traffic control communication of about 4 minutes and 25 seconds just before the crash. It showed no clear takeoff approval was given to the coast guard plane. According to the text, the Tokyo air control gave the JAL Airbus A350 permission to land on Runway C, noting that there is a departing plane, with the JAL pilot repeating the instruction. The coast guard plane said it was taxiing to the same runway, and the traffic control instructs it to proceed to the stop line ahead of the runway. The controller noted the coast guard gets the departure priority, and the pilot said he was moving to the stop line.

Their communication in the script ends there. Two minutes later, there was a three-second pause, apparently indicating the time of the collision. Police began a separate probe into possible professional negligence. Tokyo police said that investigators examined the debris on the runway and were conducting interviews. They said 17 JAL passengers were slightly injured.

On Wednesday, six experts from the Japan Transport Safety Board (JTSB) examined what remained of the aircraft, the board said. TV footage showed the severely damaged A350's wings among the charred, broken parts of fuselage.

The smaller coast guard plane resembled a mound of rubble. Board investigator Takuya Fujiwara said his team recovered flight data and voice recorders from the Bombardier for analysis. Investigators plan to interview the pilots, officials and air traffic control officials to find out how the two planes simultaneously ended up on the runway, JTSB said. AP

Firefighters gather around the burn-out Japanese coast guard aircraft at Haneda airport in Tokyo on Wednesday | AP

EXPRESS READ

NATO to purchase 1,000Patriot missiles

Brussels: NATO members in Europe have signed a contract for up to 1,000 Patriot missiles to bolster air defences in the face of the threat from Russia, it said on Wednesday. The announcement of the contract, is estimated to be worth \$5.5 billion. "Russian... drone attacks on Ukrainian civilians and towns show how important modern air defences are. Scaling up ammunition production is key for Ukraine's security and for ours," said Jens Stoltenberg, alliance chief.

Beijing	29	16	SNY	Los Angeles	26	17	LC
Colombo	29	24	LC	Melbourne	25	12	HR
Dhaka	32	27	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	26	16	LC
Houston	31	23	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	17	SNY	Toronto	19	11	LC
London	24	18	LC	Washington	27	14	SNY

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Tensions spike after deadly blasts in Iran, Lebanon attack

JERUSALEM

FEARS that Israel's war in Gaza could spiral across the Middle East grew on Wednesday after a drone strike killed a Hamas senior leader in Lebanon and twin explosions ripped through an Iranian crowd.

Israeli army spokesman Daniel Hagari said, following Tuesday's unclaimed Beirut attack, that the military was in a "very high state of readiness in all arenas" and "highly prepared for any scenario."

Meanwhile, the chief of Israel's Mossad intelligence service vowed on Wednesday that the agency would hunt down every Hamas member involved in the October 7 attack on Israel, no matter where they are.

Israel has refused to comment on reports it carried out the killing, but the comments by David Barnea appeared to be the strongest indication yet it was behind the blast. Barnea said the Mossad is "committed to settling accounts with the murderers who raided the Gaza envelope," referring to the area of southern Israel attacked on October 7.

Lebanon's Iran-backed group Hezbollah has meanwhile vowed retaliation against Israel, which it blamed for the drone strike in Beirut.

Hamas and Lebanese security sources blamed it for the killing of Saleh al-Aruri, 57, the political number two of Hamas and one of the founders of its military wing. Agencies

CNS Fujian | SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST

China's third aircraft carrier Fujian gears up for sea trials

BEIJING

CHINA'S third aircraft carrier Fujian, the heaviest and most advanced compared to its two previous warships, is gearing up for sea trials, official media reported on Wednesday.

China Central Television displayed the latest footage of the domestically built aircraft carrier on its news programme which showed the three electromagnetic catapult tracks uncovered on the ship.

The People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) will push forward with the mooring trials of CNS Fujian, China's second domestically-made aircraft carrier, as scheduled in the new year, said Yin Hongxin, an officer aboard the vessel.

China launched Fujian in June 2022 with a lot of fanfare with claims that it could match the US aircraft carriers in terms of technology as Beijing is increasingly coming under pressure from Washington's Indo-Pacific strategy especially in the disputed South China Sea and Taiwan.

Naval experts say Fujian may take some time for operationalisation. Perhaps PLAN may begin sending aircraft carriers to the Indian Ocean by 2025.

The Fujian, which is the "first fully domestically developed and constructed" aircraft carrier with an electromagnetic aircraft launch system (EMALS), has a flat, straight flight deck and arresting device. EMALS was regarded by naval experts as a major leap forward by the Chinese navy as currently, only the US has such an advanced one. It is more energy-efficient and reduces maintenance. It is used also on the US Navy's Gerald R. Ford-class carriers. PTI



ESOP to Saluja: Burmans seek probe

Investigation is to check whether ESOP allocation is in compliance with SEBI regulations

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE Burman family is seeking an investigation into the allotment of 2.14 crore shares, constituting 8% of Religare Finvest Ltd (RFL), a subsidiary of Religare Enterprise Ltd (REL), to executive chairperson Rashmi Saluja through Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs).

The investigation is to check whether the ESOP allocation is in compliance with SEBI takeover regulations, they said. The rift between the Burmans, the largest stakeholder in REL, and the current management has again intensified as it has come to notice that Saluja was allotted the ESOPs in RFL a day after the Burmans announced an open offer to buy additional shares to take over a controlling stake in the diversified financial company.

"It is unfortunate that a soli-



tary executive has cornered significant quantum of remuneration through ESOPs at REL, Care Health Insurance, and RFL, all without approval and requisite disclosure to REL shareholders," said a Burman Family spokesperson on Wednesday. The Burmans raised question mark on the management and the independence of the independent directors of REL and their complicity in what they call "unjustified

Burmans raises question mark on management

The Burmans raised question mark on the management and the independence of the independent directors of Religare Finvest and their complicity in what they call "unjustified dole outs". According to sources, the estimated value of the Religare Finvest ESOP award is in the tune of ₹200 crore.

"REL board should answer the shareholders whether there exist more instances of ESOP issuances to entities, and potential conflicts of interest," said the Burman Family spokesperson.

As per sources, the estimated value of the RFL ESOP award is in the tune of ₹200 crore. In November 2023, proxy advisory firm InGovern had valued the stock options of REL and its subsidiary, Care Health, issued

to Saluja over the past three-four years at over ₹480 crore. Religare Board on Wednesday said that it upholds the highest standards of corporate governance and compliances in all transactions and stands by REL Management.

"The approval sought at AGM of RFL held on Sep 26, 2023, was to seek enabling approval of shareholders for proposed grant of ESOPs of RFL to Rashmi Saluja under RFL ESOP Plan 2019. The Notice of aforesaid AGM was issued on Sep 1, 2023, and submitted to BSE accordingly by RFL," Religare board said in a statement.

This clarification came amid reports that no declaration regarding this ESOP was made to investors. The Burman family, the promoter of FMCG major Dabur, had in September announced a Rs 2,116 crore open offer to acquire up to 26% additional stake in the REL.

No immediate oil prices cut in domestic market: Minister

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PETROLEUM minister Harddeep Singh Puri on Wednesday said there is no immediate reduction in fuel price in the country.

The minister, addressing the press, clarified that there have been no discussions with the oil marketing companies (OMCs) regarding potential price cuts. "There has been no discussion with OMCs on any such issues. We are in a very highly turbulent situation and there are two areas on the global map which are in conflict situations," he said.

As crude oil prices cooled down in the international markets, trading at around \$75 per barrel, marking a significant drop from the previous \$80 per barrel, speculations arose regarding potential price reductions by oil companies in the



Govt launches OLAP bid round-IX for 10 coal blocks

NEW DELHI: Petroleum ministry on Wednesday signed contracts for 10 blocks awarded under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) Bid Round-VIII. Three coal bed methane (CBM) blocks were awarded under special CBM bid round-SCBM 2022. Ten blocks covered in VIII Bid Round. ENS

domestic market for petrol and diesel. Major oil companies such as Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) posted profits in the recent quarter.

IOCL reported a consolidated net profit of ₹12,967 crore in the second quarter, while BPCL and HPCL registered consolidated net profits of ₹8,501 crore

and ₹5,827 crore, respectively, in the quarter ending on September 30.

The minister highlighted that oil marketing companies (OMCs) have incurred losses due to the high crude prices in the international market. On the import of Venezuelan oil, the minister stated that India is open to purchasing oil from any country that is not under sanctions.

REBOUND

Adanis m-cap crosses ₹15L cr after SC verdict



ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BUOYED by a favorable Supreme Court verdict, the cumulative market-cap of Adani Group companies soared by ₹64,000 crore on Wednesday.

The market cap of Adani Group companies crossed ₹15 lakh crore after shares of all group companies posted with modest to high gains.

The group's flagship company Adani Enterprises' shares rose by 2.41% to close at ₹3,003. Adani Port and SEZ shares jumped 1.5% to ₹1,094; Adani Wilmar shares rose by 3.91%, Adani Power by 5%, Adani Total Gas by 10% and Adani Energy Solutions (formerly known as Adani Transmission) shares rose by 11.5% to ₹1,184.

The court on Wednesday dismissed a bunch of petitions seeking a probe by SIT or any other agency into the allegations against the group, while directing SEBI to complete the remaining two probes within three months. The share prices of recently acquired companies Ambuja and ACC and NDTV closed with gains on Wednesday. Meanwhile, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) elevated CEO Karan Adani to the role of managing director, a position which was earlier held by Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group. Gautam Adani is re-designated as 'Executive Chairman' of APSEZ, which houses the group's port business.

Bajaj Auto shares hit 7K as co considers buyback

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SHARES of Bajaj Auto hit the ₹7,000 level for the first time on Wednesday and the two-wheeler and three-wheeler manufacturers' market capitalisation breached the ₹2 lakh crore milestone during the intraday session after the company said it will consider the proposal for share buyback on January 8.

Bajaj Auto shares on Wednesday hit an all-time high at ₹7,059.75 on the BSE. The shares closed at ₹6,989.40, up 5%. At closing, the company's m-cap stood at ₹1.98 lakh crore. If the consideration is passed

by the board, it will be the second instance in recent times when Bajaj Auto will be launching a buyback scheme. Bajaj Auto had previously announced a share buyback worth ₹2,500 crore in June 2022 at a price of ₹4,600 per share.

"We wish to inform you that the board of directors of the company at its meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, 08 January 2024 ('Board Meeting'), inter alia will consider a proposal to buyback of fully paid-up equity shares of the company," Bajaj Auto said in

an exchange filing.

Bajaj Auto CEO Rajiv Bajaj in an interview hinted that the upcoming buyback will be larger in size given higher cash on books. "We will close this year with Rs 20,000 crore cash. Whenever cash on books crosses Rs 15,000 crore, we look to give back over 70% to investors," said Bajaj.

The company's shares have been in high demand for the past one year on account of improving domestic and global market prospects. The shares surged 88% in 2023, becoming the second-best per-

former, only after Tata Motors, on the Nifty 50 index.

Prashanth Tapse, Research Analyst, Senior Vice President of Research at Mehta Equities said that assuming a bigger buyback size compared to the previous instance, at the current price Rs 6,950, we can expect a price Rs 7,800/ 8,000 range buyback. "Investors should wait and watch for exchange mechanism if it goes via open market then it will not be interested and it management does it via fix price mechanism, market would reward Bajaj Auto in long term," said Mehta.



Market falls for second consecutive session over valuation concerns

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market has come under a bear grip as benchmark indices settled lower for the second straight session over inflated valuation concerns and absence of fresh triggers.

On Wednesday, the BSE Sensex fell 536 points or 0.7% to settle at 71,356, broader Nifty50 slipped 148 points or 0.7% to close at 21,517. The two indices had fallen by about half a percentage point on Tuesday.

"Lack of fresh triggers and concerns over valuation influenced investors to stay sidelined. Weak global indicators like contraction in China & Eurozone manufacturing data, added concerns about global economic recovery in 2024," said Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services. The market was waiting for the Fed minutes to come on late Wednesday for interest rate insights. Investors are taking a cautious approach ahead of Q3FY24 earnings session.

Most analysts have termed the recent sell-off as a 'healthy correction' after the benchmarks gave a high return of 20%

in 2023 and the broader indices, midcap and small-caps, surged about 50% on average last year. As per brokerage firm Motilal Oswal, the 12-month trailing P/E for Nifty, at 22.9 times, is above its LPA (long period average) of 22.2 times (3% premium). At 3.6 times, the 12-month trailing P/B ratio for Nifty is above its historical average of 3 times (19% premium).



Following global markets, it was another day of correction for Indian markets. It is a healthy correction for an overheated market as Nifty was at unusually high levels

Sheersham Gupta, director and senior technical analyst at Rupeezy

Simultaneously, we are in the midst of price-wise correction, with many stock adjustments after the recent rally, and hence, it is advisable to have a pragmatic view with a one-step approach, following the mentioned levels, added Krishan.

Bitcoin gears up for halving in April as it turns 15; experts expect upturn

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

THE world's largest cryptocurrency Bitcoin, which began its journey with Satoshi Nakamoto launching its white paper on January 3, 2009, marked the 15th anniversary on Wednesday.

As per experts, this year will witness a turning point in Bitcoin's evolution as it gears up for the halving in April.

"The halving, a programmed event, not only showcases Bitcoin's robust supply control mechanism but historically triggers heightened demand, propelling prices upward. While regulatory scrutiny and scalability challenges persist, major banks are very bullish on Bitcoin prices, with some even suggesting it will break the all-time high of \$69,000 on the heels of the ETF and halving," said Minal Thukral, executive VP - growth & strategy at CoinDCX.

Bitcoin touched a high of \$45,000 on Wednesday for the first time since April 2022, but soon it fell 6.33% to trade at about \$42,127. As the investor sentiment is strengthening in



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anticipation of BTC's fourth halving event, Parth Chaturvedi, investments leads, CoinSwitch, said, amid diverse analyst predictions regarding BTC's future, even traditional financial institutions like Standard Chartered Bank forecast a potential BTC value of \$100k by the end of 2024.

"For the broader markets, the typical cycle follows a set pattern with capital first heading towards BTC increasing its market capitalisation dominance, which has already surpassed 50%. This is followed by the rotation of capital into Ethereum's ETH and finally the peak bull-run gains steam as the capital rotates into riskier alt-coins. We are still in the first phase of the capital rotation cycle and there's a lot of steam for growth in broader crypto prices," he said.

He also said that crypto is a highly volatile asset to invest in and be prepared for sharp drawdowns in valuations.

Meanwhile, crypto investment platform Mudrex said it witnessed a surge of \$1 million in crypto deposits from prominent exchanges, including Binance, following the FIU (Financial Intelligence Unit) issuing show cause notices to nine overseas crypto exchanges for not complying with the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) provisions in India.

Vietnam's VinFast Auto to setup battery facility in TN

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

VIETNAM-based electric vehicle maker VinFast Auto will reportedly set up a battery manufacturing plant in Thoothukudi, southern district of Tamil Nadu.

Several VinFast officials have visited the district to check out sites, as per a news report. It had reportedly begun hiring for sales, legal and back office jobs in India, seeking recruits who 'dare to think, dare to do, and dare to face difficulties'. The company declined to comment on the development. This newspaper has sent a query to the state government.

The development comes amid the government's efforts to attract global investments, especially in the electric vehicle and electronics manufacturers

ahead of its third edition of Global Investors Meet. Thoothukudi district with VO Chidambaram Port, a major port, is emerging as a prominent place for alternative energy investments like green hydrogen and green ammonia.

The company last year said it had planned to set up an EV facility in India to assemble vehicles shipped from Vietnam, with an investment of up to \$200 million.

But it is learnt that the plant is separate from its EV plans. The company is expected to make an announcement on the new plant in coming days, according to Reuters.

The plant will have an initial capacity of about 50,000 vehicles per year, with production expected to commence by 2026, the company said.



Steel Authority of India Limited achieves prestigious "Great Place To Work" certification

New Delhi: Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), a Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking, is proud to announce that it has been certified as a "Great Place To Work" for the period of December 2023 to December 2024 by the Great Place To Work Institute, India. The "Great Place To Work" certification is a global recognition reflecting SAIL's commitment to being a respected and sought-after employer. This recognition is a testament to SAIL's sustained focus on fostering a workplace of trust, collaboration and employee empowerment. The Great Place To Work Institute is an internationally renowned organization which recognizes employers who create an outstanding employee experience through a rigorous evaluation process. SAIL has secured the certification following a thorough survey conducted by the Great Place To Work Institute, which relied on direct feedback from employees at SAIL. SAIL has implemented various employee-centric initiatives, focusing on enhancing employee experience and nurturing a supportive and collaborative work environment.

Business & Beyond

Jasbir Singh Sur Singh, Director Admin at PSPCL expressed gratitude to CM Bhagwant Singh Mann

The Director Admin of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), Jasbir Singh Sur Singh, expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann for the state government's successful acquisition of a 540-megawatt private thermal power plant at Goindwal Sahib. He expressed that this strategic move is poised to bring substantial benefits to a vast number of consumers, particularly those in Tarn Taran district and adjoining areas. The thermal power plant, acquired at a cost of ₹1080 crore, will be named as the Sri Guru Amardas Thermal Power Plant, paying homage to the third Sikh Guru. Director Admin highlighted this acquisition is a crucial step towards bolstering power generation in state, addressing the growing demand for electricity. Director Admin elaborated on the positive impact of this acquisition, stating it will play a pivotal role in enhancing power distribution across Punjab.



Shri R. K. Tyagi takes charge as CMD, POWERGRID

Jharasuguda/Bhu Gurugram: Sh. Ravindra Kumar Tyagi has joined as Chairman and Managing Director of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India.

Prior to this, he was serving as Director (Operations) of the company. He has over 33 years of rich experience in the power sector at various key positions in leading CPSUs. He has handled multidisciplinary work in various business areas of POWERGRID such as Asset Management, Engineering, Business Development (domestic and overseas), Telecom, Load Despatch & Communication, NTAMC, DMS etc. and Head of POWERGRID's North Eastern Region.





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निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना/Notice Inviting Tender - JAN 2024

निविदा/TENDER - EXTENSION OF DATE

Director, JNARDDC, Nagpur, invites online e-gem bids from reputed firms for the following items.

निदेशक, निम्नलिखित निविदा की अपूर्ति के लिए प्रतिष्ठित कंपनियों से ऑनलाइन प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित किया है।

Tender No./E-gem bid	Description of Equipments/ Work	Refundable EMD (₹)	Last date of tender submission	Date of tender opening	Date of downloading tender
GEM/2024/B/4418700	Dynamic Web Portal Development Hosting and Maintenance	1,50,000/-	22.01.2024 (1400 Hrs.)	22.01.2024 (1430 Hrs.)	Available at e-gem portal

Pre-bid meeting: 09.01.2024 (1300 Hrs.), Venue: JNARDDC Nagpur (Online/offline)

The details are available in the tender/e-gem bid document which will be available for download from our office website www.jnarddc.gov.in or <https://mkp.gem.gov.in> or e-mail: purchasejnarddcnagpur@gmail.com

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DEMAND NOTICE

Sl.No.1: (Yelahanka Branch): Borrower : Mr. Tharakesha D S, S/o. Mr. Dibbur Veerappa Shivakumar, Flat No.2102, 1st Floor, 9th Block, Janapriya Township, Magadi Road, Kadabagere Village & Post, Bangalore-562130. Also at Mahadeshwara Enterprises, Flat No.2102, 1st Floor, 9th Block, Janapriya Township, Magadi Road, Kadabagere Village & Post, Bangalore-562130. **Co-Borrower : Mrs. Roopa S,W/o. Mr. Tharakesha D S,** Flat No.2102, 1st Floor, 9th Block, Janapriya Township, Magadi Road, Kadabagere Village & Post, Bangalore-562130. **Guarantor(Loan A/c No: 134187002810): Mr. Shashikanth S N,** S/o. Mr. Nagaraj, No.21, Ground Floor, 1st Cross, 1st Main Near Eshwari School, Eshwari Nagar, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085.

Demand Notice Dated: 27.10.2023, Loan A/C Nos.1341870002810 & 1341820003297, Sanction Date: 18.12.2018 & 05.04.2021, Type of Loans: Purchase of Flat & Property Loan, Sanction Amount: Rs.13,07,067/- & Rs.3,30,000/-, NPA Dated: 29.08.2023, Loan Outstanding Amount of Rs. 11,53,534/- & Rs.3,12,170/- with further interest from 27.10.2023 onwards and other costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Schedule of Property-A: All that piece and parcel of proportionate undivided share of land measuring 150.70 Sq.ft., or 14.02 Sq.Mtrs out of land measuring 26990 Sq.ft. or 2511 Sq. Mtrs. covered by Block No. III, IV and IX situated at Survey No.10/1 And Khatha Nos.192 and 193 at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, in Janapriya Township and is situated within the following **Boundaries: NORTH :** Road, **SOUTH :** Open Space for Setback, **EAST :** Open Space for Setback, **WEST :** Open Space for Park.

Schedule of Property-B: All that piece and parcel of land as super built up area of 675 Sq.ft., (Inclusive common service area and balcony area) of Flat No.2102 in Block No.IX situated at Survey No.10/1 and Khatha No.192/229/2102 and E-Katha No:15020020140020123 Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, in Janapriya Township. and is situated within the following **Boundaries: NORTH :** Flat No.2099, **SOUTH :** Flat No.2103, **EAST :** Passage to Staircase, **WEST :** Open to Sky. Total extent on 675 Sq.ft. area of land and building has got all usual pathway rights and easement rights relating thereto.

Sl.No.2: (Basaveshwaranagar Branch): Borrower: Mr. Santhosh Kumar. B.L., S/o. Lingge Gowda, No.452, 9th Floor, 3rd Stage, Avalahalli, Bengaluru - 560 085. Also at: Site No.788, Agara Layout, Sector-II, Hosur, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru - 562 125. Also at: BLS Enterprises, No.101, Syndicate Bank Layout, Herohalli, Andrahalli Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 091. **Co-Borrower: Mr. B.L. Lingge Gowda,** S/o. Lingaiah, No.452, 9th Main, 3rd Stage, Avalahalli, Bengaluru-560 085. **Co-Borrower: Mr. N. Thimmappa,** W/o. Lingge Gowda, No.452, 9th Main, 3rd Stage, Avalahalli, Bengaluru-560 085. **Guarantor: Mr. V. Lingamma Gowda,** No.118-3, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Near Nandagokula School, Kaveri Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru - 560 079. Also at: Karnataka Government Secretariat, No.259, 2nd Floor, Ambedkar Vidhi Road, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru - 560 001.

Demand Notice Dated: 26.09.2023, Loan A/C No.186196000705, Sanction Date: 12.05.2015, Type of Loans: Construction of House, Sanction Amount: Rs.35,00,000/-, NPA Dated: 01.05.2023, Loan Outstanding Amount of Rs.27,39,574/- with further interest from 26.09.2023 onwards and other costs thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land in the layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority bearing site No. 788, situated at Agara Layout, Sector-II, Hosur, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore along with the building to be constructed thereon and bound by **Boundaries: East:** Site No. 787, **West:** Site No. 789, **North:** Site No. 772, **South:** Road. **Measurement:** East to West – 9.14 Meters, North to South – 12.19 Meters. Totally measuring – 111.42 Sq. Meters.

As a security for the repayment of the said loan to **Repco Home Finance Limited**, you have executed a Loan Agreement and also created, an equitable mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the property detailed herein above: Since you have defaulted in repayment of the loan, you are liable to pay the additional interest also. **The Company issued notice under the Act on above mentioned dates calling upon the above Borrowers / Co-Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the above outstanding amount with further interest and costs thereon. The Notice sent to all of you by Regd. Post, with Ack. Due.** We hereby call upon you, to pay the aforesaid amount due within **60 (Sixty) Days from the date of this notice**, failing which the Company shall take over the possession of secured assets mortgaged to us under the power conferred to us under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, wherein the **Repco Home Finance Limited**, is empowered to take possession of the secured assets including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment of sale, take over the management of the secured assets, appoint any person to manage the secured assets from you and adjust the above sale proceeds towards the debt due from you. We draw your attention to Sec. 13 (b) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset.

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Registered Office Address : Unit No.601, 6th Floor Piramala Amrit Building, Piramala Agastya Corporate Park, Kampli Junction, Opp Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (West), Mumbai-400 070.

CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639, Web Site: www.piramalfinance.com

Branch Address : Dhiraaj Baug, Building 'A' Ground & 1st Floor, Beside Axis Bank, Opp. Monalisa Building, Agara Road, Hari Niwas Circle, Naupada, Thane (West) – 400 602.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Securitisation (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCFHL) [formerly known as Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (DHFL)] under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower (s) (the "said Borrower (s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice (s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower (s) to pay to PCFHL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice (s), from the date (s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower (s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCFHL by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower (s)/ Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 12700001811 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Suresha R (Borrower) Ramya B (Co Borrower 1)	27-11-2023 /₹ 132310/- (₹ One lakh Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred Ten Only) NPA (12-11-2021)	Plot No.MIG 56 Huskur Layout, Hosakote Karnataka Housing Board Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka - 560049
(LC No. 12700003128 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Gandasi Lakshmegowda Venkatesh (Borrower) Shilpaashree N S (Co Borrower 1) Prajwal Gowda G V (Co Borrower 2)	27-11-2023 /₹ 6677437/- (₹ Sixty Six lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Seven Only) NPA (09-01-2022)	Site No.65,Siddivinyayaka Road, Gramkanar Katha No 407, Chikkabidarakallu Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka - 560073
(LC No. 12700003193 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Gandasi Lakshmegowda Venkatesh (Borrower) Shilpaashree N S (Co Borrower 1) Prajwal Gowda G V (Co Borrower 2)	27-11-2023 /₹ 77062/- (₹ Seventy Seven Thousand Sixty Two Only) NPA (09-01-2022)	Site No.65,Siddivinyayaka Road,Gramkanar Katha No 407, Chikkabidarakallu Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka - 560073
(LC No. 15400001225 of Kolar Branch) Suresh MR (Borrower) Usha BR (Co Borrower 1)	27-11-2023 /₹ 4764628/- (₹ Forty Seven lakh Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Eight Only) NPA (08-01-2023)	No.118, Sy.No.55 & 56, 19th 'A' Cross Raghavendra Layout, Thigalarapalya Karlobanahalli V. Yeshwanthpura Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka - 560058
(LC No. 24700000755 of Kengeri Branch) Mohammed Shafeeq (Borrower) Bi Bi Asma (Co Borrower 1)	27-11-2023 /₹ 182268/- (₹ One lakh Eighty Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight Only) NPA (09-10-2023)	Present No.350/540/24,25,10,11,old no: 350/540/47, Middle Portion Site, Kothipura amanikere 1st stage Ramnagar Bengaluru Karnataka - 562158
(LC No. 12700003513 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) Pottiyappanaidu Vellore Ramachandranaidu (Borrower) Geetha R (Co Borrower 1) V R Kumar (Co Borrower 2) V R Venkatesh (Guarantor 1)	27-11-2023 /₹ 286409/- (₹ Two lakh Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred Nine Only) NPA (30-09-2021)	Site No. 106 And 106/1, Gandhi Bazaar, Basavanagudi Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Karnataka - 560004
(LC No. 12700003866 of Bengaluru S V Koramangala Branch) K M Swaroop (Borrower) K Manohar (Co Borrower 1) Amritha Kumari S (Co Borrower 2) Chinthalapalli Patta Mahathi (Guarantor 1)	27-11-2023 /₹ 11250680/- (₹ One Crore Twelve lakh Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Only) NPA (09-11-2022)	Site No.2, Assessment, No18/6, V P Katha No 134, Yellunkunte Village, Beguru Hobli, Bengaluru Bengaluru Karnataka - 560068
(LC No. 214000044513 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 Branch) Chinnahall Ravanchander (Borrower) Devi R (Co Borrower 1)	27-11-2023 /₹ 2903866/- (₹ Twenty Nine lakh Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six Only) NPA (08-01-2023)	No.78, Old No. 27, Pid No. 80-57-78 New Pid No.091-W0113-42, Fruit Street, Bharathi Nagar, Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka - 560001
(LC No. 002000004209 of Bengaluru - Vasanth Nagar Branch) Venkateshappa P (Borrower) Bharathi G (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2023 /₹ 190439/- (₹ One lakh Ninety Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Nine Only) NPA (09-11-2023)	No 33, Katha No 4380, At Amaravathi Layout, Bangarpet TMC Limits Kolar Kolar Karnataka - 563128
(LC No. 02900007845 of Mysuru - Chamrajnagar Branch) Ashok Kumar R (Borrower) Renuka S C (Co Borrower 1) Lokashamma R (Co Borrower 2)	20-12-2023 /₹ 2887250/- (₹ Twenty Eight lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Only) NPA (09-11-2023)	Site No.910, 1st Main 2nd Cross, 4th Stage, Thonachikoppal (T K Layout), Mysore Maysuru Karnataka - 570009
(LC No. 108000001735 of Erode Branch) Rajendran S (Borrower) Gindhimathi R (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2023 /₹ 432478.04/- (₹ Four lakh Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Rupees and Four Paise Only) NPA (09-11-2023)	TS No.17/6,Block No.2,Ward D,Plot No.21 Part Old SF No.294,Kamaraj Nagar, Kulithalai municipal limit Karur-639104 Karur Tamil Nadu - 639001
(LC No. 02900009073 of Mysuru - Chamrajnagar Branch) R Mohan Kumar (Borrower) Asha Rani TN (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2023 /₹ 884363/- (₹ Eight lakh Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three Only) NPA (09-11-2022)	Site no. Mig 601, KHB Layout, Chikkamandya, Nr JS S Public School, Mandya Mandya Karnataka - 571401
(LC No. 12700003986 of Bengaluru - Jayanagar Branch) Naveenkumar S A (Borrower) Srinivas A C (Co Borrower 1) Lingamma K R (Co Borrower 2)	20-12-2023 /₹ 1077586/- (₹ Ten lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six Only) NPA (10-12-2023)	Site No: 448,Katha No: 384/384/448, 2nd Main, CIL Layout, Kodigehalli Village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka - 560092
(LC No. 02800006793 of Shivamoga Branch) Gayathri G (Borrower) Chethan K V (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2023 /₹ 597841.96/- (₹ Five lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty One Rupees and Ninety Six Paise Only) NPA (09-10-2022)	Plot No.36, PID-35-2-504-90Q, Sy.37/1-2 Bommanayakanahalli, Holenarasipura Road Near HP Petrol Bank JK Service Hassan Hassan Karnataka - 573201
(LC No. 11800022746 of Hosur Branch) Binod Sharma (Borrower) Manitha Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	20-12-2023 /₹ 5362770/- (₹ Fifty Three lakh Sixty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Only) NPA (09-10-2023)	Site No 56, 8th Cross Road Shanthi Layout Kodenahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka - 560016

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCFHL as aforesaid, PCFHL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13 (4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PCFHL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 04.01.2024 **Place : KARNATAKA** **(Authorised Officer)** **Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited**

BENGALURU

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DIRECTORATE OF VETY. & A.H.SERVICES

E-TENDER NOTICE

Imphal, the 29th Dec., 2023

No.SH/3/55/95-VETY (Pt.V): The Director, Vety. & A.H. Department, Manipur invites E-Tender with 2 bid system from experienced and reputed firms / suppliers / manufactures / distributors / authorized dealers for supply of Poultry, Piggery and Pony Feed and Fodder (Concentrate feed, Dry & Green Fodder) under State Plan fund for the year Budget Estimates 2023-24.

The detail of the Tender will be available on the website www.manipurtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
(Ng. Ibotombi Singh)
Director,
Vety. & A.H.Service, Manipur

Form No. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at Bengaluru, for Envoiro Power Systems LLP a Limited Liability Partnership Firm may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:

- Manufacturing and providing services in relation to Lithium ion batteries.
- Exporting the manufactured batteries/parts and importing raw material/parts.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at No. 319, Inner Circle, Whitefield, Bangalore, Karnataka, India – 560066.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), PIN Code 122050, along with a duplicate copy to the Registrar at Bangalore, E Wing, 2nd Floor, Kendriya Sadan, Kormangala, Bangalore, Karnataka 560034, within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a triplicate copy to the company at its registered office.

Date : 04th January 2024
Place : Bengaluru

Names of Applicant
1. Bharath Krishna Rao
2. Malavikadevi Daggubati

CITY CORPORATION BELAGAVI

Subhashnagara, Belagavi – 590016

Email : itstaff_ulb_belgaum@yahoo.com. Website : www.belgaumcity.mrc.gov.in

NO: CGB/RD/PETROL PUMP/AUCTION/2023-24 Date: 02-01-2024

AUCTION NOTIFICATION

The auction described in the following index list has been invited item wise by the Commissioner, City Corporation Belagavi, through e-Procurement. For more details please visit <https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in> and participate in the tender by confirming the given details.

1) Last Date and Time for Submitting the Query: 12-01-2024 upto 4.00 PM. 2) Date and Time to Confirm Participation of Interest in Auction: 18-01-2024 upto 4.00 PM 3) Auction Start Date & Time: 20-01-2024 from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.

Sl. No.	Auction Details	Monthly Rent (In Rs.)	Advance Deposit Amount (In Rs.)	Dura tion
1	Auction for Running Petrol Bunk at CTS No. 30, Somwar Pet, Tilakwadi, (Goaves) Belagavi Open Space. Auction Ref. No.DMA/2023-24/ AUCTION/481	2,27,000/-	5,00,000/-	15 Years

Sd/- Commissioner
City Corporation Belagavi

DIPR/Belagavi/885/Adverto/2023-24

NOTICE AND ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF MEETING OF UNSECURED CREDITORS MEETING

FORM NO.CAA.2

[Pursuant to section 230(3) and rule 6 and 7 of companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations), Rules 2016]

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENCH AT BENGALURU IN THE MATTER SECTIONS 230 TO 232 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT,2013 AND RULES FRAMED THEREUNDER AS IN FORCE FROM TIME TO TIME

AND

IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION OF M/S. SPACE MATRIX DESIGN CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED (TRANSFEREE COMPANY) AND IN THE MATTER OF M/S. BLINK DESIGN PRIVATE LIMITED (TRANSFEROR COMPANY) AND

IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION OF SPACE MATRIX DESIGN CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED AND BLINK DESIGN PRIVATE LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS

SPACE MATRIX DESIGN CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED, (CIN: U74994KA2001PTC029676)

a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 having its registered office at No.27/6, Sankey Road, Bangalore, Karnataka, India-560022

Represented by Mr. Akshay Lakhanpal, Authorized Signatory

...Applicant Company No.1/Transferee Company

Notice is hereby given that by an order dated 07th December, 2023 the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench ("The Tribunal") has directed meeting to be held of the Unsecured Creditors of Space Matrix Design Consultants Private Limited (Transferor Company) for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modification, the scheme of amalgamation proposed to be made between the Space Matrix Design Consultants Private Limited (Transferee Company) and Blink Design Private Limited (Transferor Company) as mentioned above. In pursuance of the said order and as directed therein further notice is hereby given that a meeting the Unsecured Creditors of Space Matrix Design Consultants Private Limited (Transferee Company) will be held as below:

Sl.No.	CLASS OF MEETING	DATE OF MEETING	TIME	PLACE OF MEETING
1	Unsecured creditors of transferee company	09.02.2024	10:00 AM	Through video conference (Meeting Link: https://www.evotingindia.com)

Copies of the said scheme of amalgamation, and the statement under section 230 can be obtained free of charge at the aforesaid registered office address. Persons entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, may vote in person or through Authorised Representatives through E-Voting. The Tribunal has appointed **Shri D. Vishnuvardhan Reddy**, Ex. Member of Karnataka RERA as Chairman and **Shri. Vinod Sunder Raman**, PCS as the scrutinizer of the said meeting. The above-mentioned scheme of amalgamation, if approved by the Unsecured Creditors at their meeting, will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Tribunal.

Sd/-
Mr. Akshay Lakhanpal
Authorized Signatory
Space Matrix Design Consultants Private Limited
(Transferee Company)

Dated this 04 th Day of January, 2024
Place: Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India) has accorded the Environment Clearance for the Residential Project (76 nos Flats in 2 Blocks) "Good Earth Moti" at Sy No.223, 224 and 226, Kambipura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District by M/s Good Earth Eco Developments Pvt Ltd., #9,10,11, Tarana, Good Earth Malhar, Kambipura Village, Kengeri, Bangalore -560074, vide letter No. SEIAA 74 CON 2022, Dated 25th July 2022 (25-07-2022)

The said copy of the Environmental Clearance is available with the KSPCB and in the website of the Environment and Ecology Department at <http://seiaa.kar.nic.in>

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that my client Sri B.S. Surendranath is intending to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereto from Smt.1 Bhagyalakshmi, W/o. Late S. Krishnachar & family, R/A.No.1438, 1st Floor, Unnathi Pratham, I,Mart,VTC, Shankaranagar P.O, Bangalore-560092. Any person claiming any interest in the said Property or any part thereof; or anybody who have any objection whatsoever for the Sale of the Schedule Property in favor of my clients shall lodge their claims / objections with the undersigned within 15 days, failing which said purchase will be completed, treating that there are no such claims/objections and that the Schedule Property is the sole and absolute property of the persons stated above.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing No.34, having BBMP ID No. 75-2-34 measuring East to West: 40' + 37/2 and North to South: 80 feet and bounded on East by: Pillamma's Property, West by: Somappa Property, North by: Shivali's Property, South by: Road.

B. SREENIVASULU REDDY
Advocate and Consultant
No. 100, Kasturji Nilayam, 2nd Cross, Chikka Banashankari, Bangalore-560033.
Ph : 9964079635

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of our client Mr. SAURABH GUPTA, that the Agreement of Sell dated 06/08/2021 and by between Mrs. DEVIKA CHITTIAPPA RAO and Mr. SHASHI KUMAR and Construction Agreement dated 06/08/2021 by and between Mr. SHASHI KUMAR AND M/S. PRESTIGE ESTATES PROJECTS PVT LTD, for residential apartment bearing No. 118 in First Floor on North Block of "PRESTIGE LANE EIGHT", measuring 1928 Sq.Ft of super built-up area with Covered Car Parking Space in the Basement Floor along with 1928/12406th of an undivided share, situated at Pattandur Agrahara Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, has been lost/misplaced by our client Mr. SAURABH GUPTA, for an appropriate relief and to protect the interest of our client, we hereby issue this public notice vide e- Lost Report No. 0865447/2023 on: 27/12/2023 with Karnataka State Police (Bangalore City Unit) is registered.

If anyone find this document, please return it to the undersigned party. All the persons are hereby informed not to accept or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the above-mentioned missing document without approval of our client. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using these missing documents, please inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within 14 days from the date of this public publication after which no claim shall be entertained by our clients.

Sd/- Anupam Agarwal
RAMINVAS SURJIMAL
(Advocates & Solicitors)
No. 511, 5th Floor, 'A' Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001.
Phone No: 9740645762
Email: anupam@rslegal.in
Place: Bangalore Date: 04/01/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that one of our client proposes to purchase the property described in the Schedule herein from M/s. BLUE CHIP COMPUTER CONSULTANTS PVT. LTD, which they have purchased on 11/09/1998, through multiple sale deeds registered in the office Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South, Bangalore. Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any rights in the below mentioned property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned party with the supporting documentary evidence within 3 days from the date of this publication. Claim received thereafter will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No. 1 : All that piece and parcel of the commercial property bearing Site Nos. 20 and 21 out of Village Panchayath Katha No. 126, and presently bearing Bommanahalli CMC Khatha No. 109/16/2021, assessment No. 207/109, House List No. 16, situated at Singasidda Village Begur Hobli, Bangalore totally measuring about 3905-00 sq.ft.

Item No. 2 : All that piece and parcel of the commercial building consisting of Ground, First and Second floor constructed on Site Nos. 22 and 23 out of Village Panchayath Katha No. 126, and presently bearing Bommanahalli CMC Khatha No. 109/16/22/23, assessment No. 207/109, House List No. 16, situated at Singasidda Village Begur Hobli, Bangalore totally measuring about 3796.875 sq.ft. of the land.

Adv. Anupam Agarwal
Raminvas Surjimal
Advocates & Solicitors,
No. 511, 5th Floor, 'A' Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001.
Phone No. 97406 45762
Email : anupam@rslegal.in
Place: Bangalore Date: 04/01/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public that my client Sri Chowdeshwara Credit Co-operative Society intends to purchase the schedule property from its owner by name Smt. S.S. Lakshmi and others. Any person or claiming any rights, titles, interest with respect to schedule property, may inform the under mentioned counsel with original documents pertaining to the property within 15 days, if any objections are not received, our client will go to purchase of the schedule property. Hence this public notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of residential old house schedule property, site bearing near municipal no.9, assessment no.84/2, khatha number 237, old ward no.16, present ward no.74, PID No. 16-12-9, measuring East to west 37 feet and north to south 32 feet, totally 1184 square feet, constructed ground floor 10 square meter and first floor 2.2 square meter, totally 1250 square meter and redox side flooring, R.C.C. Roof and all civic amenities situated at Bangalore north taluk, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, sangarunavahalli village, presently BBMP limit, SBI Stop, H.B.S.Karnalanganar, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079 and bounded as follows: East by: DDA Road, West by: 8 FEET ROAD, North by: SITE NO.10, LINGAPPA PROPERTY, South by: SITE NO.8, SIDDAPPA PROPERTY.

NATARAJ D, Advocate
No.11, G-2, VMC Complex, 10th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560002.
Mob: 9972727278. Date: 02/01/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of our client Mr. Gyanchand Agarwal, Page No. 8, which is the last page of Original Sale Deed dated 21/10/2020 executed by Dr. Mukesh Kumar Khaitan in favour of Mr. Gyanchand Agarwal, bearing Document No. BMH-1-03559/2020-21 registered with the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore District for an Unit No.303 in the Third Floor of the multi storied Commercial Complex known as "MONEY CENTRE", having a super built-up area of 485 Square Feet which is inclusive of Balconies and proportionate share in the common areas, bearing Municipal No. 106, 12/19 in Industrial Layout Koramangala, Bangalore Ward ID No. 67, Koramangala with Unique Property ID No. 67-3-12/19 in Koramangala Industrial Layout, Division No. 68A, Bangalore, has been lost/misplaced by our client Mr. Gyanchand Agarwal, for which the undersigned has registered an appropriate Lost Article complaint vide e-Lost Report No. 0664309/2023 on 27/12/2023 with Karnataka State Police (Bangalore City Unit) is registered.

If anyone find this document, please return it to the undersigned party. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the above-mentioned missing document without approval of our client. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using these missing documents, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing within which no claim shall be entertained by our clients.

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Email: anupam@rslegal.in
Place: Bangalore Date: 04/01/2024

DOCUMENTS LOST

I Pushpa N Hegde, Sanjyanagar Bangalore-94 local original sale deed dated 03-02-94 pertaining to site #7 document #8043 & sale deed dated 05-05-93 pertaining to site #8 document #1221 survey #106/2 10th cross Vishveshwaraiah Layout Bagalunte Bangalore. I have lodge a missing complaint with last article report Ref# 0334227/2022 & 0336096/2022 Dt: 19/09/2022. If found contact: 9731106878 / 9740379314

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BANGALORE

M.C. No. 200/2023

Mrs. Ranjita Rajagopal alias Blessy Ramya, W/o Placid Benny alias Beni, D/o Late B.Rajagopalan, Aged about 42 years, Residing at No. 10, 4th Main, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560 079. ...Petitioner

V/s

Mr. Placid Benny alias Placid Beni, S/o Sacharias Raj, Aged about 47 years, Occ: Private Business, Residing at No.78, 2nd Cross, Thammiah Garden, Varalakshmi Layout, Abbigere, Bangalore-560 090. ...Respondent

SUMMONS UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO THE RESPONDENT

Mr. Placid Benny alias Placid Beni, S/o Sacharias Raj, Aged about 42 years, Occ: Private Business, Residing at No.78, 2nd Cross, Thammiah Garden, Varalakshmi Layout, Abbigere, Bangalore-560 090.

Whereas the Petitioner above named has instituted the above case against the respondent for grant of divorce by dissolving the marriage of the petitioner with the respondent held on 9th February 2022 at Our Lady of Valkishani Church, Yeshivara New Town, Varalakshmi Layout, Abbigere, Bangalore-560 090. and for other reliefs as prayed for in the petition.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble court in person or through a pleader duly instructed to answer all the material questions on 07.02.20



6/15

Siraj becomes only the second Indian pacer and fifth overall to take six wickets in a single session since 2016

FREE FALLING

INDIA: SIX WICKETS IN 11 BALLS

153/5: Rahul, 153/6: Jadeja, 153/7: Bumrah, 153/8: Kohli, 153/9: Siraj, 153/10: Krishna

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IT'S about ten minutes past four on a bright Wednesday evening in Cape Town. At Newlands, Mohammed Siraj is running in to bowl just hinsten over of the day. From the outset, it might seem like a normal day of Test cricket, but it isn't. In fact, it's one of those rare days that keeps one on the edge of the seat throughout the day's play.

In the hours that preceded, Siraj had already taken six of the 20 that had fallen — 6/15, his best figures in Test cricket. South Africa were bundled out in the first session for just 55 — their lowest score since readmission into the sport. India lost their last six wickets without adding any run on the board to be dismissed for 153 — after gaining a 98-run lead. Eight batters got out for a duck, only seven of the 25 batters who took guard went into double digits. To sum it up, it had been a crazy day of Test cricket in Cape Town.

If you are still here, trying to get a grip of what on earth happened, let's try and break it down. While Dean Elgar opted to bat first going by past surfaces, despite the extra bounce that Newlands usually offers, he and South Africa were not ready for Siraj. The pacer, almost making up for his inconsistencies in the past, was just running in and hitting the right spots, and letting the surface take care of the rest. And as is the case when things are going one's way, everything he touched turned into gold. The edges happened, and it carried to the slip cordon where catches were taken, and before he even knew, Siraj had bowled nine overs on the trot, taking six wickets in his first spell of the

23 WICKETS FALL
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SECOND TEST

SCOREBOARD

South Africa (1st innings): Markram c Jaiswal b Siraj 2, Elgar (c) b Siraj 4, De Zorzi c Rahul b Siraj 2, Stubbs c Sharma b Bumrah 3, Bedingham c Jaiswal b Siraj 12, Verreynne c Gill b Siraj 15, Jansen c Rahul b Siraj 0, Maharaj c Bumrah b Mukes 3, Rabada c Gill b Mukes 5, Burger c Jaiswal b Bumrah 4, Ngidi not out 0. **Extras:** (B-4, LB-1) 5. **Total:** (All out in 23.2 ovs) 55. **FOW:** 1-5, 2-8, 3-11, 4-15, 5-34, 6-34, 7-45, 8-46, 9-55. **Bowling:** Bumrah 8-1-25-2, Siraj 9-3-15-6, Prasidh 4-1-10-0, Mukes 2-2-2-0-2. **India (1st innings):** Jaiswal b Rabada 0, Sharma (c) c Jansen b Burger 39, Gill c Jansen b Burger 36, Kohli c Markram b Rabada 46, Iyer c Verreynne b Burger 0, Rahul c Verreynne b Ngidi 8, Jadeja c Jansen b Ngidi 0, Bumrah c Jansen b Ngidi 0, Siraj run out (Burger) 0, Krishna c Markram b Rabada 0, Mukes not out 0. **Extras:** (B-4, LB-10, NB-5, W-5) 14. **Total:** (All out in 34.5 ovs) 153. **FOW:** 1-17, 2-72, 3-105, 4-110, 5-153, 6-153, 7-153, 8-153, 9-153. **Bowling:** Rabada 11.5-2-38-3, Ngidi 6-1-30-3, Burger 8-2-42-3, Jansen 9-2-29-0. **South Africa (2nd innings):** Markram not out 36, Elgar (c) c Kohli b Mukes 12, De Zorzi c Rahul b Mukes 1, Stubbs c Rahul b Bumrah 1, Bedingham not out 7. **Extras:** (lb1, nb4) 5. **Total:** (For three wickets in 17 Ovs) 62. **FOW:** 1-37, 2-41, 3-45. **Bowling:** Bumrah 6-0-25-1, Siraj 5-2-11-0, Mukes 6-2-25-2.

day. By the time the players walked off for lunch, Indian pacers had earned their match-fee and some more for the day, dismissing South Africa for 55.

While Indian innings did not turn out very different, they had the early advantage. Rohit Sharma (39) and Shubman Gill (36) went on a counter-attacking spree, avoiding a collapse. Then came Virat Kohli whose 46

looked worth every run in gold. Despite the wickets crumbling at the other end — Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi and Nandre Burger making the most of their height to extract steep bounce — he prolonged India's lead. However, once KL Rahul got out, it only took 10 more deliveries before SA batted again to end the day on 62/3.

Now, days like these are not new at Newlands. Since 2011, Australia have been bowled out for 47, New Zealand for 45 — both in less than 20 overs, but were followed by big batting days. On Wednesday, though, the difference was the variation in bounce from the same spot. If one fuller delivery was lifting chest high, the other was going at knee level. According to Cricviz's Expected Runs and Wickets model, the Expected Average of 18 on Wednesday is the lowest for any first day of the Test match since the start of the ball tracking era. Albeit not threatening to the batters, those 21 of the 22 wickets taken by bowlers were projected to miss the stumps (according to Cricviz) says it all. "On these wickets, often bowlers tend to think, 'let me try and bowl an outswinger darting from leg to off or get one to bend back from angle' but one should just stick to one line. If you hit areas, wickets will come automatically," Siraj said.

South Africa have seven wickets in hand and if the conditions get better, things could get better for the batters. However, for now, after an enthralling day of Test cricket, India made the most of what was presented to them. They have the upper hand, and will have to have a horrible few days to not level the series.

3.2 Ovs Mohammed Siraj sent one full on fourth stump and the ball shaped away late to take the outside edge of Aiden Markram, who was lunging forward. Yashasvi Jaiswal, at third slip took a low catch to his left.

5.3 For the longest time Dean Elgar was a thorn in the flesh for India. On Wednesday, they got the lines right, pushing Elgar to play away from his body. End result, he played on.

8.3 This was typical Jasprit Bumrah wicket. Angled in, onto Tristan Stubbs as the ball took the inside edge onto the thigh pad before falling into the hands of Rohit Sharma at short leg

9.2 An indication of the way things were going. Siraj was targeting Tony de Zorzi's legs and the left-hander ended up getting a slight nick on one and KL Rahul did the rest. SA were 4/15

15.2 When Siraj gets on a roll, there is no stopping him. He went wide to David Bedingham, extracted some extra bounce, while angling the ball away from the right-hander. The ball had taken the glove on its way to Jaiswal.

15.5 Virat Kohli signalled for a full outswinger from the slips and Siraj followed up. The plan bore fruits as Marco Jansen hung his bat away from body to edge the delivery to Rahul. Five-fer for Siraj

17.5 In what turned out to be his ninth and last over of the spell and innings, Siraj registered his best figures in Tests. Kyle Verreynne went for an expansive drive, only to nick one to Shubman Gill at second slip. SA seven down for 45, and debutant Mukes Kumar did the rest to restrict the hosts to 55 in 23.2 overs.

Ultimate Kho Kho: Big victory for Yoddhas

CUTTACK: Telugu Yoddhas stamped their dominance over Mumbai Khiladis, notching up a 40-22 victory in Ultimate Kho Kho Season 2 here on Wednesday. This was the largest margin of victory this season. With the victory, Telugu Yoddhas leapfrogged Gujarat Giants into second place. For Mumbai Khiladis, who had looked to be on the up over the previous two matches, it will now be back to the drawing board.

West Ham hold on for Brighton stalemate

LONDON: West Ham missed the chance to close in on the Premier League's top four as Brighton were denied victory at the London Stadium by Alphonse Areola in a 0-0 draw on Tuesday. Despite being ravaged by defensive absences due to injury and suspension, the Seagulls held out for their first Premier League clean sheet of the season and deserved all three points on their second-half performance.

Pakistan fight back to frustrate Australia

SYDNEY: Pakistan hit back from looming disaster to finish with 313 on the back of fighting half-centuries from Mohammad Rizwan (88), Agha Salman (53) and Aamer Jamal (82) on the first day of the third Test against Australia on Wednesday. The tourists were 96 for five at one stage before going on to frustrate the Australians. **Brief scores:** Pakistan 313 (Rizwan 88, Jamal 82, Salman 53; Cummins 5/61) vs Australia 6 for no loss.

Suryakumar in running for top award again

DUBAI: India star Suryakumar Yadav was on Wednesday named as one of the four nominees for the ICC Men's T20 Cricketer of the Year 2023. The 33-year-old, who won the accolade in 2022, dominated 2023 in the shortest format with 733 runs from 17 innings at an average of 48.86. Yashasvi Jaiswal was also named as one of the four nominees for the ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year 2023.

World body yet to receive WFI election confirmation

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

MUCH water has flown under the bridge ever since the election to the executive committee of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) was held almost two weeks ago. Only three days later on December 24, the newly-elected WFI was abstained from functioning by the sports ministry. The ministry also directed the Indian Olympic Association to form an ad-hoc committee to run the sport in the country.

In the meantime, the only woman wrestler from the country to have won an Olympic medal, Sakshi Malik, announced her retirement from the sport while Olympic medalist Bajrang Punia and World Championships medallist Vinesh Phogat returned their national sports awards protesting Sanjay Singh's elevation as the WFI president. Yet another protest hit the already troubled Indian wrestling on Wednesday when hundreds of wrestlers gathered at Jantar Mantar. Protesting the loss of one crucial year of their careers, these agitating wrestlers accused the trio of Bajrang, Sakshi and Vinesh for the situation.

Amid all the upheaval, the world governing body, United World Wrestling (UWW), which suspended the WFI for not conducting elections last year, maintained a stoic silence. However, the UWW on Wednesday told this daily that it is still gathering feedback from representatives to determine if the conduct of the election was valid and well organised. The world body also confirmed that it has not received any official confirmation from the IOA and sports ministry regarding the elections. "Before we can lift the suspension, we need to receive the official information from the national federation and the confirmation by the NOC and Ministry of Sports," the UWW replied to a query emailed by this daily.

It should be noted here that the elections were conducted by the returning officer, MM Kumar, a retired chief justice of the J&K High Court in the



Young wrestlers protest against senior pros Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat at Jantar Mantar, in New Delhi on Wednesday | PARVEEN NEGI

presence of observers from the IOA and UWW. "As far as the election was concerned, I can say that it was held fairly and transparently. I also gave away the certificates to all the winning candidates after the election. What happened after that is wide open in public," the returning officer told this daily. The IOA apparently had intimated the UWW about the formation of the ad hoc panel, who in turn sent entries for the ranking series in Zagreb.

The protest and ad-hoc body's reaction

As hundreds of upcoming wrestlers reached Jantar Mantar in the morning, the ad-hoc body led by Bhupender Singh Bajwa came up with an assurance that it is planning to organise the national championship for the U-15 and U-20 wrestlers within the next six weeks at LNIPE, Gwalior. It also claimed that the panel had already announced to hold the senior national championship next month in Jaipur. Highlighting the initiatives taken by it, the panel said it has selected a 13-member wrestling team for the Zagreb Open, the first Ranking Series of the year and also announced the commencement of the national camp to prepare for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The agitating wrestlers including medallists from inter-

national tournaments, however, threatened to return awards if the suspension of the WFI is not lifted within 10 days. Sources claimed that wrestlers from Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Maharashtra reached the national capital on Wednesday and they will stay put in the city unless their demands are met.

Sakshi addresses media

Amid the protest, Sakshi, who spearheaded the protest, addressed the media and claimed the protest was former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh's propaganda. "I have given 18-20 years to the sport. Only I know what I have gone through. A lot of wrong things are being said on social media. I have come to know about this protest from you (media). This is Brij Bhushan's propaganda. These are all his men who are protesting at Jantar Mantar," Sakshi told journalists when her reaction was sought on junior wrestlers' protest. Given the protest and warning issued by the wrestlers, it is learnt that the ad-hoc panel has called a meeting on Thursday to discuss the issue. All three members of the panel — Bajwa, hockey Olympian MM Somaya and former international shuttler Manjusha Kanwar — are expected to meet to devise ways to prevent the issue from escalating further.

CHENNAI OPEN

Two share lead after fifth round

ENS @ Chennai

GRANDMASTERS Nguyen Duc Hoa (Vietnam) and Khusenkhojaev Muhammad (Tajikistan) led the table with 5.0 points after the fifth round in the 14th Chennai Open International Grandmaster Chess tournament 2023 for Sakthi Group Dr N Mahalingam trophy held here. Sharing the lead with the GM duo at 4.5 points were eight players — Fedorov Alexei (Belarus), Srihari L R, Aakash G, Laxman R R, Pawar Harshit (all India), Elgabry Mohsen (Egypt), Manik Mikulas (Slovakia) and Ziatdinov Raset (USA).

Results Rd 5: (Indians unless specified) Manik, Mikulas (Slovakia) 4.5 drew with Fedorov, Alexei (Belarus) 4.5, Glek, Igor (Belgium) 4 lost to Nguyen, Duc Hoa (Vietnam) 5, Saravana, Krishnan P 4 lost to Khusenkhojaev, Muhammad 5 (Tajikistan), Matta Vinay Kumar (4) drew with Anonyak Ghosh (4), Srihari L R (4.5) bt Jaiswal Rupesh (3.5), Ziatdinov Raset (USA) 4.5 bt Ajay Karthikeyan (3.5), Tologon Tegin Semetey (Kyrgyzstan) 3.5 lost to Aakash G (4.5), Laxman R R (4.5) bt Gaikwad Manas (3.5), Pawar Harshit (4.5) bt Avinash Ramesh (3.5), Elgabry Mohsen (Egypt) 4.5 bt Balkishan A (3.5).



Dipa Karmakar performs in the ongoing national gymnastics meet | DEBADATTA MALICK

Top marks for Dipa in senior nationals

TANMAY DAS @ Bhubaneswar

PARTICIPATING in the senior artistic gymnastics national championship after eight years, ace gymnast from Agartala, Dipa Karmakar, won the women's all-around championship, accumulating 49.55 points at Kalinga Stadium on Wednesday. Representing Tripura, she recorded 13.40 on the vault, 10.65 on the uneven bars, 13.10 on the balance beam and 12.40 on the floor exercise to emerge winner. Railways' Pranati Das (47.00) and Swastika Ganguly (45.30) finished second and third, respectively.

"It's good to start the year in the winning way. I am happy with my performance. My target is the final day's four individual events. After recovering from the injury, this event was a litmus test for my physical and mental strength. My coach Nandi sir always has faith in me, that is the biggest motivation for me," Dipa said after the triumph.

Dipa's coach Bishweshwar Nandi, who has been guiding her since childhood, has accompanied her ward for the senior nationals. The gymnast

had even thought about quitting the sport a few months ago after being ignored for the Asian Games by the sports ministry despite topping the trials. She, however, wants to forget the past heartbreaks and channel her energy to qualify for the Paris Olympics. "An athlete's life is full of ups and downs, I had forgotten the past incidents. Now I am focussing on my future international competition with a single-point target of putting my best performance to book my Paris Olympic ticket."

The top Indian gymnasts including Dipa are eyeing the upcoming 2024 FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Cup series and Asian Championship to book their tickets for the Games.

Talking about preparation for Dipa, her coach Nandi said, "She still has the hunger for success. For the upcoming events, I have to change her schedule by increasing loads. Simultaneously I have to keep her injury in mind as well. I am hopeful and confident she will give her best in the Asian Championship and World Cup as it will help her to qualify for the Paris Olympics."

AGENCIES @ Paris

FROM representing Ukraine in the Davis Cup to donning military uniform on the frontline, Alexandr Dolgoplov has undergone quite a transformation in the service of his beleaguered country.

The 35-year-old 2011 Australian Open quarter-finalist is back in Kyiv awaiting a new deployment after serving on the frontline for several months defending his homeland against

the Russian invaders.

He admits his family "were unhappy" at his joining up in 2022, a decision taken when he was watching TV images in Turkey where he had taken his sister and mother to safety after Russian president Vladimir Putin launched the invasion in February of that year.

"It is my home so I think you have to do something," Dolgoplov told a news agency.

"There were lots of reasons, a courageous people, the bar-



barity of the enemy and I think just fighting for the good side, defending what is yours."

Dolgoplov said despite having no military experience, strange as it seems his time in professional tennis — "I had been playing since I was two" — served him well in certain respects. Asked to contrast his former profession to his new role, Dolgoplov said, reaching for a comparison: "Sport is like a small war without killing people. "Mentality helps you be-

cause in your (sporting) career you have to go through many, many tough moments like injuries, extreme heat, the travel. It's a tough job, top-level sports."

Dolgoplov once reached the heady heights of 13th in the world and won three titles before a long-term wrist injury ended his career prematurely in 2021. Affectionately known on social media as 'Dog', he says his days on court may be over but old habits remain useful.

Ukrainian tennis star to warrior — Dolgoplov's tale



The 10-day *Taj Mahotsav* is slated to take place from February 18 to February 27 at Shilpgram in Agra.



Thiruvananthapuram's first floating bridge, spanning 100 metres, opens for tourists at Papanasam Beach in Varkala.

FACTFILE

Getting there: If you want to avoid a long-haul flight, you could fly Malaysian Airlines, like we did, which breaks the flight duration comfortably.

Places to stay: If you're making a stopover in Melbourne, check in at The Crown, a contemporary hotel conveniently located on Whiteman Street.

In Ballarat: The Provincial Ballarat. May need to be booked in advance as the hotel with limited rooms gets sold out quickly.

Packing for the trip: Temperatures can catch you by surprise, so we suggest carrying sufficient winter wear as temperatures in regional areas tend to be five degrees lower than in cities.

AUSTRALIANS ARE REDISCOVERING THEIR COUNTRY, THANKS TO THE PANDEMIC AND SUBSEQUENT STRINGENT LOCKDOWNS THAT HAS LED THEM TO EXPLORE REGIONAL AREAS

VIDYA IYENGAR

HERE is a picnic-like ambience in Ballarat, a Victorian city tucked away behind Melbourne and Geelong. People have driven an hour and longer to be part of the *World's Longest Lunch*, a once-a-year three-hour indulgence on a Saturday afternoon. This buzz is relatively new for the town, which has picked up pace as a tourist destination only recently thanks to COVID-19.

Australians are rediscovering their country after the pandemic and subsequent stringent lockdowns that let them explore regional areas within the state of Victoria. So Ballarat, a Victorian-era city, dotted with pretty houses and a rich history, has proven to be a quick and easy holiday destination for many. It's no surprise, therefore, that Melbourne Food & Wine Festival's flagship event, *The Longest Lunch* has made its debut here.

Zippering past the countryside from Melbourne, we make it early to the town, unprepared for the cold. But with a hot coffee in hand, we receive a warm welcome from hundreds of kangaroos waiting to be hand-fed and koalas extending themselves to be petted, at the *Ballarat Wildlife Park*—our first stop for the weekend. The meerkats—a mongoose specie from Southern Africa, steal our hearts with their ridiculous cuteness as they eat nibbles out of your hair. "Don't touch them, simply let them play," our guide tells us as a bounty of nibbles is sprinkled over us. We decide to give the reptiles a skip, but before we head out, we meet Kai, a gentle tiger, up close and personal, quite literally. It is mealtime and Kai is happy to be fed his mid-morning meal through a small peephole, although prior to the activity we are warned that in case Kai gets aggressive—something that has never happened so far—to avoid eye contact and remain calm.

The morning's cold seems to have gone down, as it's bright and sunny, perfect for an outdoor do with a

SOUTHERN SOJOURN



Lake Wendouree



Sovereign Hill

spread of Gippsland-made food, wine, beers and live entertainment by *Masterchef Australia Season 2* winner Adam Liaw. Award-winning chef Konstantin Putkin puts Ballarat's produce to use in an inventive, local and seasonal menu that features very good things from 1816 Bakehouse, Saltbush Kitchen, Salt Kitchen Charcuterie and Inglenook Dairy and a surprise lemon meringue.

GOLDHUNT

Tummies full, we decide on a quick detour and take a step back in time at Sovereign Hill bringing alive the era

of the Gold Rush. Here you can pan for gold in the diggings just like many gold-seekers who descended on the Ballarat goldfields in the 1850s or see a part of history and the streets of Sovereign Hill brought to life with characters in costume. In fact, it's here that the series, *New Gold Mountain*, depicts a part of Australia's history that has been rarely told and further more, from the perspective of the Chinese immigrants.

PICTURESQUE CANVAS

Art is at the heart of this Victorian city, not just in galleries like the *Art Gallery of Bendigo*. Hop, skip and jump from it, is our hotel, *The Provincial Ballarat*, a restored historical treasure and a heritage Victoria-listed building. And like they say, it's just like staying at your exceptionally stylish best friend's house. We gently make our way to the first floor, lugging our international bags up the flight of stairs, the only option at the one-storied hotel, with much caution. An im-



Ballarat Town



Free-roaming kangaroos at the Ballarat Wildlife Park

prompt breakfast at The Yacht Club overlooking Lake Wendouree is our last stop in the city, before setting off for a long drive. After a typical Aussie meal, with the best blue views and a sighting of a black swan, native to the region, we gaze into the distance, where the blue sky merges with the blue waters painting the perfect Sunday morning picture!



Koalas at the Ballarat Wildlife Park

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **Sri.CHANDRAPPA S/o Sri.D.Yellappa**, residing at No.2/54, Thali Road, Balagondapalli, Denkanikote Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant immovable property bearing Chandapura Municipal Khatha No.6960985928 (old Property No.1130/941/1), measuring East to West 62ft and North to South on the Eastern Side 142ft; on the Western Side 155 ft, totally measuring 9207 Sq.ft., (carved out of residential land bearing Sy.No.65 of Chandapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk), situated at Hosur Main Road, Chandapura Town, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on:

East by : Suvodaya College land
West by : Sy.No.65
North by : Road
South by : Maheshwari's Land

Sd/- Goutam Chand .S.F

Advocate

Goutam Associates

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Southend Road Branch, Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec. 13(2) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 10.10.2023 calling upon the 1) **M/s MBM Construction Regd Office:** House No - 86, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Dollars Layout, J P Nagar, 4th Phase, Bangalore - 560078. 2) **Sri Arun Kumar, S/o Late Mallikarjune Gowda (Partner & Guarantor),** House No - 86, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Dollars Layout, J P Nagar, 4th Phase, Bangalore - 560078. 3) **Mrs Kalpana W/o Late Mallikarjune Gowda (Partner & Guarantor),** House No - 86, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Dollars Layout, J P Nagar, 4th Phase, Bangalore - 560078. 4) **Ms Anusha M, D/o Late Mallikarjune Gowda (Guarantor),** House No - 86, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Dollars Layout, J P Nagar, 4th Phase, Bangalore - 560078 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under of **Rs 3,49,58,929.36** (Rupees Three Crores Forty-Nine Lakhs Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine and Thirty-Six Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **02nd day of January of the year 2024.**

The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs 3,49,58,929.36** (Rupees Three Crores Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine and Thirty Six Paise Only) plus interest thereon along with cost.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

1) **Primary Security:** Hypothecation of Stocks, Book Debts & Equipment.
2) **Collateral Securities:** Equitable Mortgage of all that piece and parcel of north - eastern portion of property bearing No. 86, J P Nagar, 4th Phase, Dollar Colony, Bengaluru now within BBMP limits, BBMP No. 86M, 3rd Main Road, 4th Phase, Dollars Layout, J P Nagar, Bengaluru, Ward No. 177M, PID No. 177- WO 189-19, measuring East to West: 48.6 ft and North to South: 58 ft. with the existing residential building with amenities. Property is in the joint name of Smt Kalpana, Sri Arun Kumar and Smt Anusha M.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Bank of Baroda
Date: Bengaluru
Date: 02.01.2024

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"E-TENDER NOTIFICATION" (III rd CALL)

Tenders have been re-invited from eligible agencies / service providers, for Tissue culture labs at Main campus of UAS Dharwad on license fee basis. The details of the tenders can be had through e-procurement portal (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>). For more details please contact 0836-2214214 / 332 / 254 during office hours. Interested agencies need to register with the e-Procurement portal for participating in the tender. For details of registration please contact ph. No: 080-23010900

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1) Last Date & Time for queries.	14.01.2024	Upto	16.00 Hrs
2) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders.	16.01.2024	Upto	16.00 Hrs
3) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bids.	17.01.2024	@	16.15 Hrs

Note: The bidders shall get updated / acquainted with ADDENDUM / CORRIGENDUM (if any) issued on-line from time to time on the e-procurement portal during the entire tender process.

DIPR/DWD/BS4/2023-24/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY Sd/- ESTATE OFFICER

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APPENDIX-IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of movable and Immovable Properties under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagors in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, State Bank of India, the Physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **24.01.2024** for recovery of **Rs. 36,32,425/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Five only) as on 27.12.2023 and further interest at contractual rate from 28.12.2023 with incidental expenses, costs due to State Bank of India, Secured creditors from **Smt. Julismita Barik, W/o. Pradeepta Kishore Bhanja, Sri. Pradeepta Kishore Bhanja.** The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.38,00,000/-	Rs.3,80,000/-	Rs.38,000/-	24.01.2024 - 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.	23.01.2024 up to 16.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2023-24/1010
Title deed holders: Smt. Julismita Barik and Sri. Pradeepta Kishore Bhanja.
Regd. Absolute Sale Deed No.BTM-1-01662-2018-19, CD No. BTMD126 dated 18.07.2018 regd. at SRO Jayanagar (BTM Layout), Bengaluru.

Schedule 'A' Property, (Description of Entire Property)
Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the converted property bearing residential vacant site No.146/A (C Block) layout formed by the aircraft employee's co-operative society layout of Sy. nos.148/2, 149/7, 149/8, 151/1, 151/2, 151/2A, 153/1 and 158 situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now within the limits of the BBMP Katha No.452/544/146/A and 147/A measuring east to west 103 feet, north to south 47+44/2 feet in all measuring 4686 Sq feet and bounded as follows: East by: Road, West by: Site No.146, North by: Road and South by: Site No.147/A.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the converted property bearing residential vacant site No.147/A (C Block) layout formed by the aircraft employee's co-operative society layout of Sy. nos.148/2, 149/7, 149/8, 151/1, 151/2, 151/2A, 153/1 and 158 situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now within the limits of the BBMP Katha No.452/544/146/A and 147/A measuring east to west 103 feet, north to south 40 feet in all measuring 4120 Sq feet and bounded as follows: East by: Road, West by: Site No.147, North by: Site No.146/A and South by: Road.

Schedule 'B' Property, (Description of the Unit/Apartment agreed to be conveyed)
All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.T-07 in the Third Floor having super built up area of 1060 Sq feet with and undivided 285 Sq feet of share, right, title and interest in the land/Schedule 'A' Property and one car parking in the Stilt Floor being the part of the apartment building known as "SAI ASHIRWAADH LAKE VIEW" constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with RCC framed structure, Concrete Block Masonry, Main Door teak frame and Steam Breach Veneered flush Shutter and room doors sal wood with water proof flush shutters, powder coated aluminum windows with glass and safety grills, vitrified tiles for living, rooms and kitchen, Ceramic flooring for balcony and toilets etc. and bounded as follows: East by: OTS and CORRIDOR, West by: Site N.147, North by: Road and South by: Flat No.T-06.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru i.e., www.sbi.co.in and MSTC website <https://www.mstcccommerce.com/auctionhome/bapi/index.jsp>

Date: 04.01.2024
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/-
Authorized Officer

JANATHA SEVA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
No. 24, Suvarna Bhavana, 1st Main Road, Hampinagara, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560104.
Phone No.: 23300497, 41159606, 23359600 Email: vjn@jscbi.com

Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, (1) **M/s. Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Enterprises** Represented by its proprietor : **Sri. Raghavendra Rao, K.H.** No. 147, Infantry Road, Bangalore-560 001, Residing at No.34, New BEL Road, Jaladarshini Layout, 1st Main, Bangalore-560094 (2) **Guarantor/Mortgagor: Sri. Venkatesh K H.** No. 1/1, Lakshmi Nivasa 3rd A Cross, 4th Main, New BEL Road, Bangalore-560094 (3) **Sri. Muniyappa** No.02, 1st Cross, Kannamma Temple Road, Devi Nagara, Lottegalahalli, Bangalore North-560094 having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Janatha Seva Co-Op Bank Ltd, Vijayanagar Bangalore.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs. 9,22,05,086/- (Rupees Nine Crores Twenty Two Lakhs Five Thousand and Eighty Six Only)** as on **01.01.2024**, along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuance to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price
1. Immovable House Property bearing New Municipal Katha No. 34 (Old Katha No.34 & 34/1) PID No. 100-728-34 New BEL Employees SCHBS Chikkamaranahalli Ward No.100, Jaladarshini Layout, Geddalahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, belongs to Sri. Raghavendra Rao K H and Venkatesh K H, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet, totally measuring 1500 sq. ft. Bounded By: East: Site No.41, West: 30 ft. Road (Behind the Drainage) North: Open Drainage (Earlier Site No.35) South: Site No. 33.	18.01.2024 at 11.30 AM	Rs.2,35,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Five Lakhs Only) EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.23,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)
2. Property bearing Vacant Site No.110, Yarrapanahalli Village, Katha No. 2361, carved out of Converted land bearing Sy. No.121, Situated in Block-04 of the Layout formed and Developed, K.G. Class-D EHBCS Ltd., at Kannur Village, Bidarhalli Hobli, measuring East to West 58.00 feet and North to South 30.00 feet, totally measuring 1740.00 sq. ft. Bounded on: East: Private Property, West: 30feet Road North: Site bearing No.109, South: Site bearing No.111.	Janatha Seva Co-OP Bank Ltd, Vijayanagara Branch, Bangalore	Rs.30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Only) EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Only)

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -
(1) The Tender form can be collected from **Janatha Seva Co-Op Bank Ltd. No.24, "Suvarna Bhavan" 1st Main Road, Hakka Road, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore.** (ph. 080-23300497, 41159606) on all working days during office hours. (2) The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **Janatha Seva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore-** payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender- cum - Auction Sale Notice. (3) Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Janatha Seva Co-Op Bank Ltd, Vijayanagar, Bangalore** latest by **18.01.2024 before 11.00 AM.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. (4) The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. (5) In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount shall be refunded without interest. (6) The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. (7) The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM on 18.01.2024.** (8) After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer price. (9) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. (10) The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. (11) The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify any or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. (12) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. (13) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and 5.30PM** at his/her expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. (14) The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION". The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, **Janatha Seva Co-Op Bank Ltd. (Head Office), Bangalore-560104 No.24, "Suvarna Bhavan" 1st Main Road, Hakka Road, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560104, (ph. 080-23300497, 41159606) E-Mail: vjn@jscbi.com.**

Date : 03.01.2024
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
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DAY'S DIARY

Burj Khalifa opens

Burj Al Khalifa (Al Khalifa Tower), a skyscraper in Dubai, was opened for public on this day in 2010. It is currently the world's tallest building

ON THE JOB

More than 12,000 workers were on site per day logging 22 million man-hours during the six years of construction. During this phase, the building was named Burj Dubai



MORE THAN APPEARANCE

Mohamed Alabbar from Emaar Properties, master developer of the building, said, "Burj Khalifa goes beyond its imposing physical specifications"



INAUGURATION

Thousands of people gathered to celebrate the opening of Burj Khalifa — 828 metres tall, named after the then UAE President Sheikh Khalifa

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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FLYING HIGH

Decades-old Gemini Circus is here in Bengaluru, pulling-off death-defying stunts like limbo dance, fire eating, pole acrobatics and the globe of death

DESE GOWDA

THE era when circuses roamed as travelling troves of exotic wonders and breathtaking displays of wild, untamed animals has faded into history. Nevertheless, modern circus troupes retain an enigmatic allure, captivating audiences anew. Today, this charm is instead conjured through dazzling acrobatic feats, intricate stagecraft, and immersive storytelling.

This month, Bengaluru is hosting one of the biggest names in the industry, the Gemini Circus. From limbo dance to fire eating and pole acrobatics, the circus is showcasing performances by artists from the world over, including countries like Russia, Tanzania, and Ethiopia, as well as artists from across India.

Originally established in 1951, by Moorkoth Vengakandi Shankaran, popularly known as Gemini Shankaran, Gemini Circus has capti-

vated both national and international audiences, including some of the biggest names in history such as Martin Luther King Jr, and Jawaharlal Nehru. Keralite Lakshman C has been a circus veteran since the early '60s. Having assumed various roles across some of the biggest names in the circus world, he currently serves as the programme director of Gemini Circus. He has witnessed some iconic moments from the troupe's history such as working with Bollywood. "I was part of the crew when Gemini helped with the filming of *Mera Naam Joker*. Over the years, innumerable artistes and personalities have come to enjoy the circus," he adds. So what exactly does the circus have in store for Bengalureans? "It wouldn't be fair for me to pick any single act that defines this circus. I'm equally proud of all the acts we put out and I request the audiences to come and see for themselves. All I can say is that each one is better than the other!" he replies.

Among the biggest attractions of the circus is the globe of death — an enclosed metallic globe, within which multiple skilled motorcyclists perform a coordinated 'dance with death'. While this high-intensity showcase is bound to increase the heart rates of onlookers, for MD Imtiaz Khan, a veteran globe rider, the act is just a regular affair that he has performed and perfected over the years.

Meanwhile, it's only the second time that Azad Akhnazarov, a powerlifter originally from Tashkent, Uzbekistan has been to Bengaluru. Having performed across India and the world in his decades-long career, the Silicon City is among Akhnazarov's favourites. "The crowd here is even better than the weather! They are responsive and it's always enjoyable performing in front of an enthusiastic crowd," he says.

(Gemini Circus will be staged at Allalasaandra, Yelahanka till Jan 20. Tickets are priced at ₹150 onwards)



PICS: ALLEN EGENUSE J

Old Bengalureans will remember Church Street's popular restaurant, Queen's, which is coming back on Friday, after it shut shop in 2017

Crowning moment



PICS: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA



The restaurant will be opening at a new location, next to the MG Road Metro station



Patrons eating at Queen's, Church Street in 2016 before it shut down

POOJA DAS

MAGINE the flavours of a quaint Punjabi dhaba, with the aroma of freshly ground spices wafting through the air, mingling with the sizzle of butter chicken and dal makhani. Soon you will be able to enjoy these authentic flavours from Punjab as the popular Queen's restaurant is set to make a comeback to where it all began, opening to the public on Church Street tomorrow, after closing doors in 2017.

The Church Street restaurant is opening near the MG Road Metro

station. Whether it be college students away from their homes or working professionals adjusting to a new city, Queen's on Church Street, had quickly become a popular restaurant for homely Punjabi food. But, while the restaurant reopened in 2021, it was not on Church Street but near New BEL Road. "We always wanted to come back to where we started. When we said that we are opening at RMV Extension, many were disappointed because it was too far," says Soneelam Chodha, who started the restaurant in 1974 after she moved to Bengaluru.

Talking about some of her memorable moments, Soneelam recalls many cricketers frequenting the place for their baingan bharta. "With the cricket stadium being close by, many players used to come here to have their favourite dishes which they couldn't get anywhere else. Shikhar Dhawan, and Gautam Gambhir have come often. Sachin Tendulkar used to order food from here because he was too popular to come to the restaurant. He was very fond of the kheer."

Soneelam's son Anshul Chodha, who was only a few months old when the first restaurant opened, says Queen's has been part of their identity since their childhood. "Queen's has been an integral part of our lives since we grew up watching mom in the restaurant's kitchen. When Covid struck, everyone had time on hand and while other businesses were shutting down, we decided to bring back Queen's," says Anshul.

For managing partner Jagdish Bangalore, who came on board in 2021, it has been a roller-coaster ride. "We met the family during the pandemic when they had started a cloud kitchen from home in our area. We used to order food from them and when we met Anshul, we decided to reopen the place. This is the third branch in three years." The menu, while largely remaining the same, will be introducing wine and beer for its patrons. "This menu was not created by me but made by the customers. A lot of students who used to study around here and asked for different dishes like rajma, so I used to add it to the menu. Those days it was not that easy to get these dishes," says Soneelam.

KNOW YOUR CITY



Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to bengaluru@cityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1. Sadasivanaagar
- 2) Lalbagh
- 3) ITC Windsor

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

- 1) Hemanth Pai
- 2) Payal T
- 3) Srishti K

CITY READ

Dating app shares trends for optimal matchmaking

Tinder, a dating app, brings out one's character-matching energy on January 7, 2024. The first Sunday of January is known as Dating Sunday, aka Swipe Sunday, and

singletons full of New Year optimism and motivation are in the hopes of meeting their match. Tinder's recent data reveals a significant surge in likes and messages between Swipe Sunday and Valentine's Day. There's a global uptick of 11.4 million messages and 58.7 million likes compared to the rest of the year. Dating Sunday sees users responding 19.4 minutes faster on average than other Sundays. In 2023, singles embraced a new dating approach called N.A.T.O Dating (Not Attached To Outcomes), prioritising memorable experiences over traditional relationship concerns. In 2024, a new era in dating emerges, breaking away from traditional relationship patterns. To aid singles in maximising their chances of finding a match in the New Year, Tinder shares key profile trends from its latest report. It includes the optimal amount of words in a Tinder bio to be between 15 and 45, sharing at least five photos, discovering attractive interests, and more.



'I'm not getting too caught up in numbers'

Rohan Gurbaxani who plays the 'toxic boyfriend' in *Kho Gaye Hum Kahan*, starring Ananya Pandey and Siddhant Chaturvedi, opens up about the funny messages he has been receiving on Instagram

MONIKA MONALISA

IT was in August 2023 that Rohan Gurbaxani was part of *Made in Heaven 2* where he played an ideal partner that a girl can expect. And with his latest movie *Kho Gaye Hum Kahan*, his character is best described in the movie as a 'red flag'. Gurbaxani portrays Rohan who is the boyfriend of Ananya Pandey's character. The city-based actor is still laughing about how the messages he got on Instagram for both shows are drastically different. "The messages I have been getting now are 'I feel like punching you right in your nose', 'I don't know why you would do something like that'. During *Made in Heaven 2*, I got 'I'm so happy for the girl'. Of course, those are compliments for an actor in a massive way," he says.

Kho Gaye Hum Kahan talks about how social media has taken over our lives and has impacted us. Though Gurbaxani's social media is booming right now, he is trying not to pay too much attention to worrying about the numbers. "I look at the responses, messages, and articles. I'm not getting too caught up in numbers that will just keep increasing, I don't want to place any value on it," explains Gurbaxani, who is currently in Bengaluru to spend the New Year week with family. "It keeps me



Stills from Kho Gaye Hum Kahan



grounded," he says.

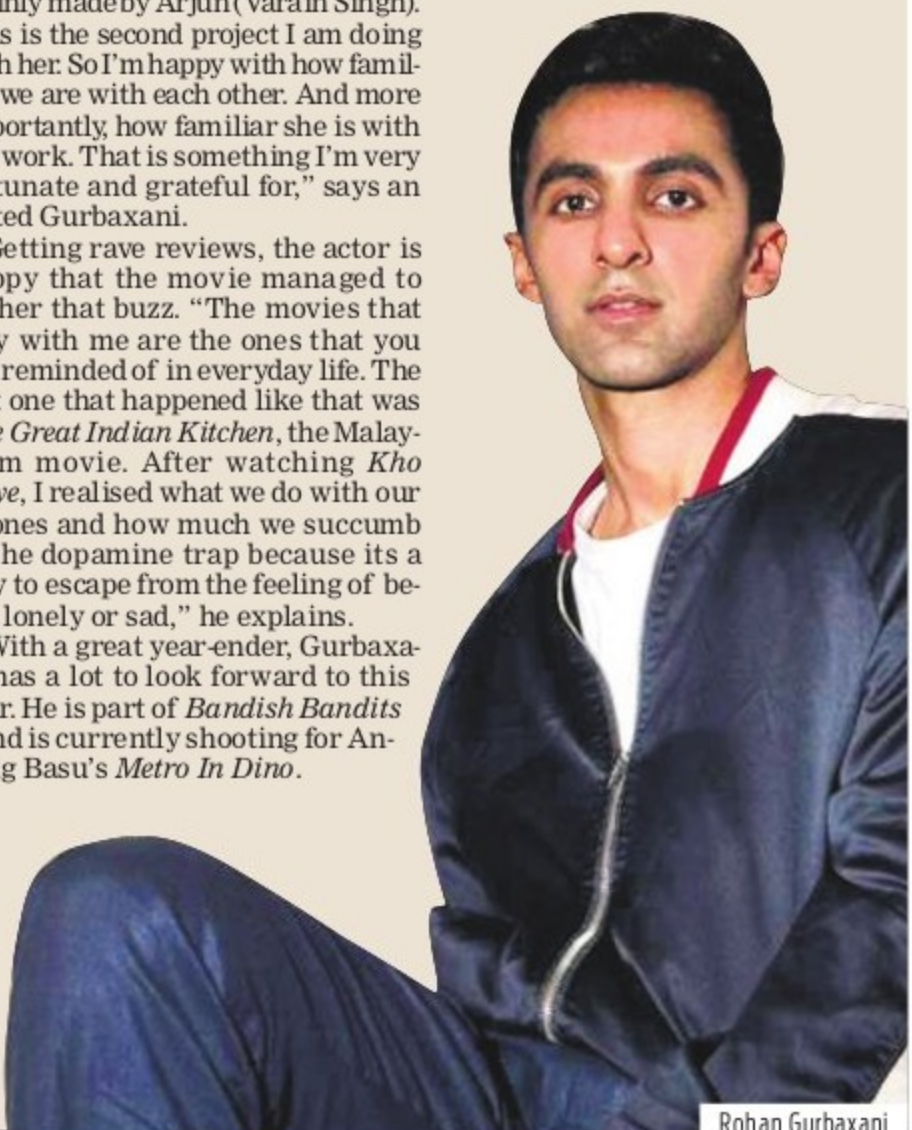
In the movie, which also stars Siddhant Chaturvedi, Adarsh Gourav, and Kalki Koechlin, Gurbaxani and Pandey didn't go unnoticed. "She doesn't have any put-on persona. Working closely with her was a good experience and a smooth one because she came prepared. When you have a prepared co-star, you just have to make the same flow that you know," recalls the 26-year-old actor.

The second project with an acclaimed filmmaker like Zoya Akhtar, Gurbaxani feels lucky to have had those opportunities. "*Kho Gaye* was

mainly made by Arjun (Varain Singh). This is the second project I am doing with her. So I'm happy with how familiar we are with each other. And more importantly, how familiar she is with my work. That is something I'm very fortunate and grateful for," says an elated Gurbaxani.

Getting rave reviews, the actor is happy that the movie managed to gather that buzz. "The movies that stay with me are the ones that you are reminded of in everyday life. The last one that happened like that was *The Great Indian Kitchen*, the Malayalam movie. After watching *Kho Gaye*, I realised what we do with our phones and how much we succumb to the dopamine trap because it's a way to escape from the feeling of being lonely or sad," he explains.

With a great year-end, Gurbaxani has a lot to look forward to this year. He is part of *Bandish Bandits 2* and is currently shooting for Anurag Basu's *Metro In Dino*.



Rohan Gurbaxani

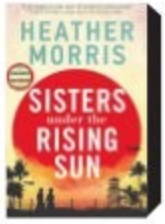
BOOK NOOK



House Of Past: When Your Dreams Call You Home

By Avanti Niding

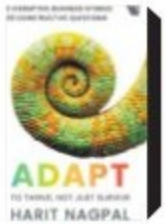
A coming-of-age tale following a young girl from adolescence to young adulthood, navigating a world where reality intertwines with the paranormal and dreamscapes.



Sisters Under The Rising Sun

By Heather Morris

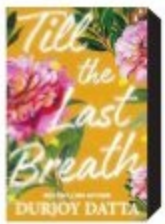
Set during World War II the book portrays the themes of sisterhood, bravery, and friendship. The story revolves around Norah Chambers sending her daughter away from Singapore to keep her safe. Meanwhile, a group of Australian Army nurses, arrive in Singapore during the chaos of war.



Adapt: To Thrive, Not Just Survive

By Harit Nagpal

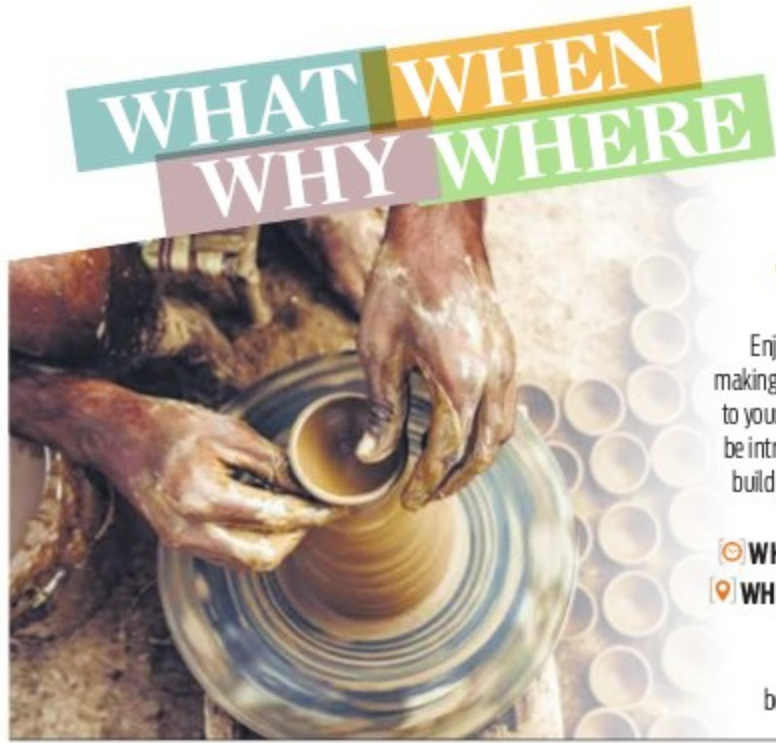
Harit Nagpal, a marketing expert, explores questions for business managers through ten diverse stories. From Zia's customer segmentation insights in Bangladesh to Nur's AC brand recovery in Malaysia, the book offers insights and solutions.



Till The Last Breath

By Durjoy Datta

A 19-year-old medical student faces a fatal disease, cherishing every breath, while a 25-year-old patient with organ failure awaits his last breath. As doctors bend rules to keep them alive, their intersecting stories influence those around them.



WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

SHAPE YOUR ART

Enjoy the art of clay making, by giving shape to your creativity. You'll be introduced to hand-building techniques in pottery.

WHEN: Jan 4, 11am
 WHERE: Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Candlelight Concert

Join this unforgettable experience of sensory delight, where you'll be taken on a magical journey that also pays homage to music maestro AR Rahman. WHEN: Jan 5, 7:30pm
 WHERE: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Richmond Town
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



VOCAL VIBES

Enjoy an evening singing your heart out while savouring great food amidst good company.

WHEN: Jan 4, 4pm
 WHERE: Marcopolo Cafe, Koramangala
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Move Your Body

Embark on a solo dance adventure which explores diverse dance styles and dives into the rhythm of hip-hop, Bollywood, Bollyfunk, and contemporary genres. WHEN: Jan 4, 11am
 WHERE: LVDS, Vasanth Nagar
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



GIGGLE RIDE

A laugh riot of an event, where artists like Joteen Patro, Anand Rathnam, Somnath Padhy and more will be entertaining you with their stories.

WHEN: Jan 4, 8:30pm
 WHERE: Nirula's, Indiranagar
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Acrylic Beauty

At this workshop for beginners, learn how to paint on wood using acrylic paint and create beautiful landscapes on a wooden coaster.

WHEN: Jan 4, 5pm
 WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



TALKING SHOP

Shoppers glance through various home decorative items exhibited at Cinnamon, Gangadhar Chetty Road | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

SCRAMBLED EGG-BROCCOLI



Contributed by Sejal Kumar, Varanasi

INGREDIENTS

- Broccoli (finely chopped): 1
- Eggs: 4-5
- Salt and pepper as per taste
- Mozzarella cheese: 50 g
- Dried basil: ½ tsp
- Chilli flakes: ½ tsp
- Oil

METHOD

- Heat one tablespoon of oil in a pan.
- Add chopped broccoli and sauté it for a minute.
- Break the eggs and keep stirring, just like you prepare scrambled eggs.
- Once the egg and broccoli mix turns light golden in colour, add salt, pepper and chilli flakes.
- Add some mozzarella cheese, close the lid and turn the gas to low flame.
- After a minute, turn off the gas.
- Open the lid, garnish with dried basil leaves and serve hot.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

PRASARITA PRAPADASANA VARIATION (WIDE TOE BALANCE POSE VARIATION)

This is a challenging variation of the Squat Pose for teens to increase concentration and balance. The stretch in the fascia of the feet helps cure plantar fasciitis, and eases walking and running. It stimulates the Muladhara (Root) Chakra.

STEPS

- Start in Malasana with your feet on the ground. Open your knees as wide as possible.
- Feel a stretch in the inner thigh muscles. Ensure you are not leaning forward and your spine is straight.
- Once you feel comfortable, fix your gaze at one point.
- Focus on shifting the body's weight from your feet to the toes.
- Concentrate on lifting the heels and getting on your tiptoes.
- Remain here for a few breaths until you find stability.
- Inhale, lift your arms over your shoulders in Namaskar Mudra.
- Balance on your toes, not leaning forward or losing stability. Maintain this for five breaths or as long as you are comfortable.
- To release, exhale and come back to Garland Pose Hands Forward.
- Close your eyes and catch your breath for a few seconds here.

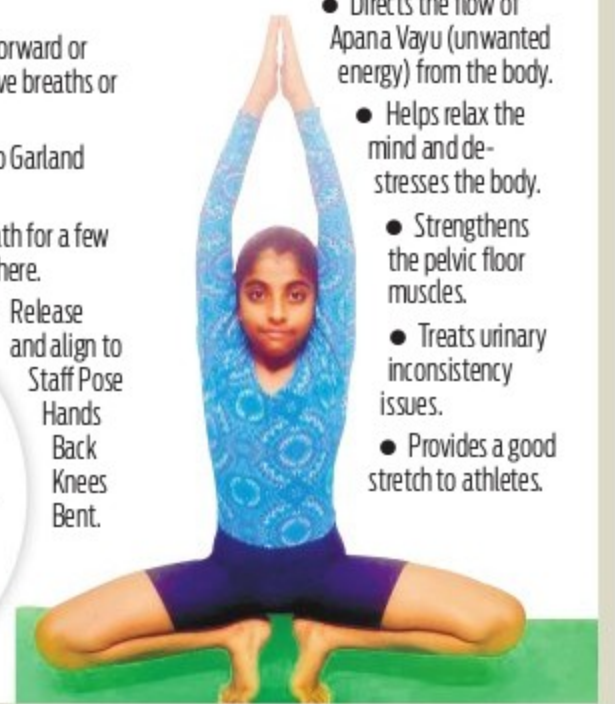
LIMITATIONS

People who have injuries in their legs, spine, shoulders, or have recently undergone or are recovering from surgeries related to abdominal, pelvic, shoulder, legs, ankles, hips, spine, or spleen, or have stomach ulcers, piles, weak or inflexible joints, migraine or BP, menstruating and pregnant women, senior citizens, should avoid this.

- Release and align to Staff Pose Hands Back Knees Bent.

BENEFITS

- Stretches and strengthens the inner thigh.
- Stretches the chest, rib cage, upper back, upper abdomen, shoulders, neck, chest, core and back.
- Strengthens the lower body.
- Improves the flexibility in the ankles, toes, knees, and hips.
- Improves focus and concentration to balance the body.
- Coordinates the body-breath-mind.
- Directs the flow of Apana Vayu (unwanted energy) from the body.
- Helps relax the mind and de-stresses the body.
- Strengthens the pelvic floor muscles.
- Treats urinary inconsistency issues.
- Provides a good stretch to athletes.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

REGIONAL



MANGALAVARAM (Telugu)

SiMaya confronts a string of deaths happening every Tuesday. In her quest to unravel this eerie puzzle, she will have to navigate a complex labyrinth of superstition, societal expectations and other cultural challenges.

Cast: Payal Rajput, Divya Pillai, Nandita Swetha, Shraavan Reddy
 Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

TAGARU PALYA (Kannada)

The villagers' tradition of preparing food on the temple grounds, and offering it to devotees, embodies the cherished essence of rural life.

Cast: Amruth Prem, Nagab-hushana, Vasuki Vaibhav
 Watch on: Amazon Prime video

DRY DAY (Hindi)

Gannu fights against alcohol in his town after his wife promises to end their baby's life due to his drinking, despite his struggles with the booze.

Cast: Pallavi Ajay, Kiran Bhargava, Ashok Bulani
 Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



GHOST (Kannada)

ACP Chengappa negotiates with a gangster, who is holding prison officials hostage, as he embarks on a quest to uncover the motive behind the attack.

Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, MG Srinivas, Archana Jois, Jayaram
 Watch on: ZEE5



PREMA VIMANAM (Telugu)

Two kids from a village dream of going on a flight for the first time. A couple plans to go to Dubai. Their encounter redefines dreams intertwining destinies in a life-changing moment.

Cast: Devansh Nama, Anirudh Nama, Sangeeth Shobhan, Saanve Meghana
 Watch on: ZEE5

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

TEERANDAZ (Hindi, series)

A tribal archer's determination and skillful precision, embarks him on a retribution against politicians, driven by his love for his tribe in this modern-day conflict.

Cast: Aditya Rawal, Patralekha, Dibyendu Bhattacharya
 Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



THEERA KADHAL (Tamil)

Aaranya's pursuit of Gowtham creates a storm of emotional turmoil, reigniting unresolved feelings and causing further pain in their lives.

Cast: Shivada, Jai, Aishwarya Rajesh, Amza Khan
 Watch on: Netflix

FOREIGN

THE NORTHMAN (English)

Amleth, a Viking warrior haunted by his past, encounters a seeress who reignites his vow to rescue his mother, avenge his father's murder, and confront his treacherous uncle.

Cast: Alexander Skarsgard, Anya Taylor Joy, Björk, Nicole Kidman
 Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



BURN THE HOUSE DOWN (Japanese, series)

Anzu meticulously plans to expose her stepmother's darkest secrets and ruin her reputation to reclaim justice for the tragic fire wrongly blamed on her mother.

Cast: Mei Nagano, Asuka Kudo, Taishi Nakagawa
 Watch on: Netflix



SEE YOU ON VENUS (English)

Mia and Kyle, two misfit American teenagers, fall in love while travelling through Spain searching for Mia's biological mother.

Cast: Virginia Gardner, Alex Aiono, Rob Estes, Isabel Serrano
 Watch on: Netflix



WELCOME TO SAMDAL-RI (Korean, series)

Jo Sam-dal, a fashion photographer returns to her hometown on Jeju Island after her career falls apart. There, she reunites with her childhood friend Jo Yong-pil who became a weather forecaster due to a tragic incident in his past.

Cast: Shin Hye-sun, Ji Chang-wook, Kang Young-seok, Kang Mi-na
 Watch on: Netflix

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WELLNESS TRENDS
AROUND YOU IN 2024

The wellness landscape this year reflects a nuanced understanding of health that goes beyond physical fitness

DR NITI KRISHNA RAIZADA

WELLNESS trends continue to evolve, reflecting a growing awareness of holistic health encompassing physical, mental, and emotional well-being. As we navigate an ever-changing landscape, several key trends emerge, shaping the way individuals approach their overall health.

1. Personalised Nutrition



Personalisation takes centre stage in nutrition as people seek diets tailored to their unique needs. Advancements

in genetic testing and data analytics enable individuals to understand their specific nutritional requirements, optimising food choices for improved energy, digestion, and overall health. Customised meal plans and DNA-based nutrition advice become increasingly accessible.

2. Mental Health Tech

The integration of technology in mental healthcare gains momentum. Apps and platforms offering virtual therapy, mindfulness exercises, and mood tracking become indispensable tools for managing stress and mental well-being. Artificial intelligence plays a role in creating personalised mental health solutions, providing real-time support and insights.

3. Sustainable Wellness Practices

Sustainability becomes a core component of wellness, extending beyond personal health to environmental and social impact. Eco-friendly products, ethical sourcing, and sustaina-

ble living practices gain prominence. People seek wellness choices that align with ecological responsibility, fostering a sense of interconnected well-being between individuals and the planet.



4. Integrative Health Approaches

The integration of conventional and alternative therapies becomes a prevailing trend. Combining traditional medicine with holistic practices like acupuncture, herbal remedies, and mindfulness-based interventions, individuals adopt a comprehensive approach to health. This integrated model aims to address both the symptoms and underlying causes of health issues.



5. Digital Detox and Mindful Tech Use

As technology continues to play a significant role in daily life, there's a growing awareness of the need for digital detox and mindful tech use. Practices such as setting intentional screen time limits, taking tech-free breaks, and fostering digital well-being become essential for maintaining a healthy balance between the digital world and real-life experiences.

6. Telehealth Evolution

Telehealth continues to evolve, offering more comprehensive and accessible healthcare services. Virtual consultations, remote monitoring, and digital health platforms provide convenient options for individuals

to access medical expertise, promoting proactive health management.

7. Community Well-Being Initiatives

Well-being extends beyond individual practices to community-focused initiatives. Collective efforts to create supportive environments, such as community gardens, group fitness activities, and mental health awareness campaigns, contribute to a sense of belonging and shared responsibility for overall health.

8. Sleep Optimisation



Sleep quality gains recognition as a cornerstone of well-being. Beyond the traditional focus on sleep duration, there's an increased emphasis on optimising sleep quality. This includes creating sleep-friendly environments, establishing bedtime routines, and utilising technology for personalised sleep tracking and improvement strategies.

(The writer is senior director, medical oncologist & hematologist, Fortis Group of Hospitals, Richmond Road)

Kickstarting your nutrition journey

NUTRIWISE
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(The writer is a clinical nutritionist)

GETTING started on your nutrition goals is a great for overall well-being. Here are ways to get started:

Set clear goals: Define specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) goals. Having a clear goal provides direction, whether it's weight loss, muscle gain, or improved energy.

Understand nutritional needs: Understand the macronutrients (carbohydrates, proteins, and fats) and micronutrients (vitamins and minerals) your body needs for optimal functioning.

Meal planning: This can help you resist the temptation of unhealthy choices when hungry.

Hydration: Aim for at least eight glasses of water daily, but individual needs vary.

Balanced diet: Include a variety of foods, like fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains, and healthy fats.

Portion control: Use smaller plates to help control the amount of food you eat and avoid overeating.

Limit processed foods: Opt for whole, natural foods whenever possible.

Incorporate healthy snacks: Plan healthy snacks between meals to keep your energy levels stable and prevent overeating.

Regular eating schedule: This can help regulate your metabolism and prevent excessive hunger that might lead to poor food choices.

Gradual changes: Smaller, sustainable adjustments to your diet makes it easier to adapt to new habits.

Listen to your body: Eat when you're hungry, and stop when you're satisfied.

Physical activity: Regular exercise helps burn calories, improves metabolism, and supports overall well-being.

Accountability and support: Share your goals with friends, family, or a support group. Having a support system can keep you motivated and accountable.

Track your progress: This can help you identify patterns and make necessary adjustments.

Seek professional guidance: Consult a dietitian to create a personalised plan.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, LIKITHA D/o Thimmappa Shankara Krishnaiah, R/o 13062, 13th Block, 6th Floor, Shobha Elite Apartment, Near Nagasandra Metro Station, Doddabidarkal, Bengaluru-560073, have changed my name to LIKITHA THIMMAPPA. Vide affidavit dated 02-01-2024. Sworn before notary Ratna.N, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRAGYA DUBEY W/o Ankit-Dubey R@ Map Qtr 228/09, Command hospital Airforce, Bangalore-07 have changed my name to PRAGYA DUBEY to PRAGYA MISHRA vide affidavit # KA81026002852718V dated 26-12-23 before the notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed,Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,HEMLATA W/o Vishnu Mishra R@ Map Qtr 229/13,Command hospital,Airforce,Bangalore-07 have changed my name to HEMLATA to HEMLATA MISHRA vide affidavit # KA81026696915822V dated 26-12-2023, before the notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SWETHA Residing at No.13/2, New No.160/6, 3rd Cross, Subramani Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560016, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) SWETHA to (NEW NAME) SWETHA SHEKAR vide affidavit dated 02.01.2024 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,(OLD NAME) K.S.CHANDRASHEKAR Residing at No.13/2, New No.160/6, 3rd Cross, Subramani Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560016, have changed my Minor Daughter name from (OLD NAME) CHASINI SOWMYASHRI to (NEW NAME) HASINI C SHEKAR vide affidavit dated 02.01.2024 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) FARHA KAUSAR Residing at No.18, 13th Cross, Basavilla, Jayamah Extension, Bengaluru-560046, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) FARHA KAUSAR to (NEW NAME) AFSHANA KAUSAR, W/o. Mehran Wajid vide affidavit dated 29.12.2023 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. PUSHPAVATHI alias PUSHPA B. SALIMATH, W/o Mr. Basavaraja Salimath alias B. M. Salimath, aged about 59 years, resident of residing at No. 4191/1-5, 6th Cross, Amarajyothinagara, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040 have changed my name to Mrs. GIRIJADEVU under an affidavit dated 27 January 2024, sworn to before Advocate and Notary, Sri Prakasha C., Bengaluru. Hence, I, expressly authorise and request all persons in general and relatives and friends in particular, at all times hereafter to designate and address me by such assumed name of GIRIJADEVU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NIRMALA NAIDU, Wife of No.14809875P Rank: Ex. NK/TS, Name: Lakshmi Naidu, R/o 12, FFI Sri Sai Nilaya 3rd Main Road, 3rd Cross, Srinivasnagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SRINIVAS to SRINIVAS SHANKAR RAO, henceforth I shall be known and called as SRINIVAS SHANKAR RAO only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 02.01.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary S.N. MADHU, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SRINIVAS SHANKAR RAO, aged about 36 years, W/o A Guruprasad, R/o No. 407, 5th Main, 4th Cross, BSK 1st Stage, 1st Block, Srinagar, Bangalore-560050, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SRINIVAS to SRINIVAS SHANKAR RAO, henceforth I shall be known and called as SRINIVAS SHANKAR RAO only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 02.01.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary S.N. MADHU, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NIKITHA SARIKA GOWDA, aged about 36 years, R/o No. D-305, DNR Atmosphere, Varthur Main Road, Ramagondanahalli, Bangalore-560066, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from BHAVYA GURUPRASAD to NIKITHA SARIKA GOWDA, henceforth I shall be known and called as NIKITHA SARIKA GOWDA only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 02.01.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary S.N. MADHU, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GEETIKA GOEL W/o Suneet Garg, age 36 years, R/o No. D-305, DNR Atmosphere, Varthur Main Road, Ramagondanahalli, Bangalore-560066, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from GEETIKA RANI to GEETIKA GOEL, henceforth I shall be known and called as GEETIKA GOEL only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 03-01-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary VYSHALI.K at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RUMANA ABDUL RAHIM, age 21 years, D/o Abdul Rahim Rawoof, residing at 7th Main, 5th Cross, Behind Amba Vilasa Kalyana Mantapa, Sadashtivanagara, Tumakuru-572 101 have changed my name to RUMANA RAHIM, vide affidavit dated 3/1/2024 before Notary S.I. BALAGURU, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SWETHA NAGAPPA, residing at No. 100, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560 040 have changed my name to SWETHA CHANDRU NAGAPPA, vide affidavit dated: 03.01.2024, before Notary MAMATHA N.K, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHIVRAJ S/o Narayanappa R, residing at No. NH 4 Road, Town Club Behind, Bhusalkunte, Mulbagal, Kolar, Karnataka-563 131, currently camped at Bengaluru have changed my name to SHIVARAJ N, vide affidavit dated: 03.01.2024, before Notary L. GOPALAKRISHNA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DEBBIE ANTONETTE GAMBIAN, S/o Timothy Gambian, R/at No. 667, 5th Main Road, OMBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru-560 043 have changed my name to DEBBIE GAMBIAN, vide affidavit dated : 03.01.2024, before Notary A. GERARD, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, Mr. PARAPPA GOLASHETTI and Mrs. PRATIBHA APPASAHEB PATIL, presently residing at Flat No. G2, 'Sri Emerald Park', Behind BWSSB, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that we have changed our daughter's name from SANVI PARAPPA GOLASHETTI to SANVI GOLASHETTI vide affidavit dated 03.01.2024 sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, Mr. PARAPPA GOLASHETTI and Mrs. PRATIBHA PATIL, presently residing at Flat No. G2, 'Sri Emerald Park', Behind BWSSB, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that we have changed our son's name from MEHUL PARAPPA GOLASHETTI to MEHUL GOLASHETTI vide affidavit dated 03.01.2024 sworn to before K.V. Jagannath Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SMITHA JOSEPH, W/o C.J Mathews, D/o VC Joseph, Aged about 46 years, Residing at # 26, Maruthi Enclave, 3rd Cross, Horamavu Agrahara, Horamavu Village, Bengaluru - 560 043, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SMITHA MATHWEWS to SMITHA JOSEPH vide affidavit dated 03.01.2024 sworn to before C.V. Erapappa, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, SANDEEP B. S/o. Bheemsain Rao, aged 24 years, residing at No. 159, AGS Office Layout, RMV 2nd Stage, New BEL Road, Bangalore-560004, do hereby declare that my name is SANDEEP as per my all documents and records. My name is mentioned in expanded initials as my name is SANDEEP B, I hereby declare that the above made mistake is not intentional. I submit and declare that, the above mentioned names SANDEEP B, vide affidavit dated 03.01.2024, sworn to before K.V. Nanjish, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, S.S. SWARNALATHA, W/o. S.H Sathya Murthy, Residing at No. 11, Hanuman Parvathi Nilaya, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Chikkanna Garden, Shankarapuram, Shankar Mutt Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004, do hereby declare that S. SWARNA and S.S. SWARNALATHA both the names are one and the same person and that is myself. Vide affidavit dated 27.12.2023 sworn before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KARIYAJJI PAVAN VEERANNA, resident of #578, Kariyaji Temple, Shri Adishakti Devi Temple, Tumminakatti, Haveri, Karnataka-581119, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from PAVAN VEERANNA KARIYAJI to KARIYAJJI PAVAN VEERANNA vide affidavit dated 28.12.2023, sworn to before M. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DAYANAND M, S/o, Munikrishnapa. C, Residing at, No.483, Mathurshree Nilaya, 1st Floor, 11th B Cross, Bhagyalakshmi Temple Road, Kalyananganar, Mallasandra, T. Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from DAYANANDA M to DAYANAND. M, vide Affidavit dated:28-12-2023, sworn before Notary Public, T.C. Thimmaraja, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LALUCHARANA TRIPATHY, S/o. Birabara Tripathy, aged about 55 years, residing at #T-304, Hasini Grand APT, Katfigenahalli, Near Birbindavan Group of Institutes, Yelahanka, Vinayaka Nagar, Bangalore-560063, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from LALU CHARANA TRIPATHY to LALUCHARANA TRIPATHY, vide affidavit dated 03.01.2024, sworn to before G.R. Ravichandra Reddy, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KUTAGULA RIZWANA, resident of Flat No. 311, 3rd Floor, DS Max Swatantra Apartment, Sacred Hearts Road, Hallehalli, Bengaluru-560036, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from KOOVOORU RIZWANA, KUTAGULLA RIZWANA Also KUTAGULLA RIZWANA to KUTAGULA RIZWANA, vide affidavit dated 28.12.2023, sworn to before M. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. A A ZEENATH FOUSIA, W/O MOHAMAD KASIM, Residing at NO-8, 4th MAIN, 2ND CROSS, LB SHASTRI NAGAR, VIMANAPURA POST, BANGALORE-560017, have changed my name from Mrs. A A ZEENATH BOUSIA to Mrs.A A ZEENATH FOUSIA, vide affidavit dated 2/1/2024 sworn to before A.R.Muneer Ahmed advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AKASH BHANDARI aged about 30 years., S/o Sri. TRILOK CHAND BHANDARI, Doing: Business and now present Resident at No. 5, Burugal Mutt Road, V.V. Puram, Bangalore-560004, have changed my name from AKASH BHANDARI TRILOK CHAND to AKASH BHANDARI, vide affidavit dated 1/1/2024 sworn to before L.Shankaranarayana advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUMA. K.T., aged 33 years, W/o. Mr. Madhusudan.S. residing at No.5876, Govindappa Layout, Subhash Nagar, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562 123, today at Bangalore, have changed my name from LAVANYA MADHUSUDHAN to SUMA. K.T, vide affidavit dated 3/1/2024 sworn to before R.S. Vijay advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ARJUN P RAMACHANDRAN R/at Flat No.008, Ashoka Legend, Mantri Astra Road, Hennur D Mart, Hennur Bande, Bangalore- 560043, have changed my name to ARJUN RAMACHANDRA PISSAY vide affidavit dated: 27/12/2023 Before Notary S.R.Nanjunda Swamy Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VIKAS KANKARIA, S/O MILAP CHAND KANKARIA, aged about 36 years, (Date of Birth: 20.07.1987), and presently residing at # 16, 5th Cross, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru-560 001, have changed my name from VIKAS KANKARIA MILAP to VIKAS KANKARIA, vide affidavit dated 3/1/2024 sworn before V.Rajashekara advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KUSUM LATA, Dependent of VIKAS DABRAL, resident of SMQ-230/5, HQT, IAF, Hebbal, JC Nagar Post, Bengaluru- 560094, Karnataka, have changed my name from KUSUM LATA to KUSUMLATA DABRAL vide affidavit dated 02-JAN-2024 before Notary R BASAVARAJA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LALITHA HEGDE, W/o, Krishnamurthy Ramachandra Hegde, R/at # 83, Benaka, 11th Cross, 2nd Stage, NGEF Layout, Nrupathunganagar, Nagarabavi, Bengaluru - 560 072, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from LALITHA HEGDE to LALITHA HEGDE. Vide Affidavit dated 02/01/2024. Sworn before Advocate & Notary H. S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMAD MAJEED R/at No.42, 1st Cross, Hidayath Street Kadugondanahalli Opp Arabic College Post Office Bangalore- 560045, have changed my name to MOHAMMED MAJEED Vide affidavit dated: 3/01/2024 Before Notary S.R.Nanjunda Swamy Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAJU THEKANAPOLIL PHILPOSE, Son of Philopose Thekanapoyil Philopose, Resident No.309, Sunniva Willow, SH 35, Sarjapura Anekal, Attibele Road, Bengaluru Rural, 562125, have changed my name to RAJU PHILPOSE vide Affidavit dated 02.01.2024 sworn before advocate and notary public C.N. Balasubramanyam, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SOMASHEKHARAYIA HIREMATH (Date of Birth 15/02/1983) and resident of "Prabhavya" 11/21, Behind Basavanna Temple, Doddapalle, Ant Shettar Oni, Ranibennur (Rural), Po: Ranebennur Dist, Karnataka- 581115 have changed my name to SOMASEKHARAYASWAMY RUMAL vide Affidavit dated 03.01.2024 sworn before advocate and notary public Kodi Nagappaya, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DESHNAVI (DOB: 13-11-2005) D/o Mr. PRASHANTH KUMAR K, Resident of : No. 14, 'Sri Nilaya' 1st Cross, Near Sriraksha Health Centre, Jakkur, Navya Nagar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064 have changed my name from DESHNAVI to DESHNAVI PRASHANTH vide Affidavit Dated 02-01-2024 sworn to before Notary Public G.P CHAYA Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHARADAMMA MALLIKARJUN SAVADI alias SHARADA alias SHARADA SAVADI (DOB: 16-10-1961) W/o Mr. Mallikarjun Ishwarappa Savadi, Resident of: No. 2319, 5th B Main, 3rd Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru-560064 have changed my name from SHARADAMMA MALLIKARJUN SAVADI alias SHARADA alias SHARADA SAVADI to SHARADAMMA S (initial 'S' stands for SAVADI) vide Affidavit Dated 03-01-2024 sworn to before Notary Public G.P CHAYA Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. SHEETAL B P w/o NAVEENKUMAR PALSANDRAM aged about 40 years, (Aadhaar No. 4993 7402 3581) Residing at No. 06, Sri Lakshmi Venkateswara Nilaya, 3rd Main Road, 3rd Cross, behind BMT C Depot, 21, BEML 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560 088, have changed my name from PALSANDRAM SHEETAL NAVEENKUMAR to Smt. SHEETAL B P w/o NAVEENKUMAR PALSANDRAM vide Affidavit Dated 03-01-2024 sworn to before Notary Public KV Prema Kumari, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NIRMALA R/at No.12/1/16, Ashwath Nagar, Thanisandra, Bangalore- 560077 have changed my name to NIRMALA DEVI vide affidavit dated: 3/01/2024 before Notary S.R.Nanjunda Swamy Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAJJAD BEGUM ALIMIYA LAMBAY R/at No.202, 6th A Main Road, Opp to Specialist Hospital, HRBR Layout, 2nd Block, Bangalore- 560043, have changed my name to SAJJAD LAMBAY vide affidavit dated: 03/01/2024 Before Notary S.R.Nanjunda Swamy Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, K M YALIMADANNANAVAR, W/O: M V YALIMADANNANAVAR, AGED 71 RESIDING AT NO 1159 18TH "C" MAIN ROAD, 5TH BLOCK RAJAJINAGAR BANGALORE NORTH, RAJAJINAGAR, BANGALURU, KARNATAKA- 560010 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KAMALA VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 13-12-2023 SWORN BEFORE ADVOCATE & NOTARY PUBLIC, SHREESHAIL B. GOBBANI, BANGALURU-560010.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, K M YALIMADANNANAVAR, W/O: M V YALIMADANNANAVAR, AGED 71 RESIDING AT NO 1159 18TH "C" MAIN ROAD, 5TH BLOCK RAJAJINAGAR BANGALORE NORTH, RAJAJINAGAR, BANGALURU, KARNATAKA- 560010 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KAMALA VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 13-12-2023 SWORN BEFORE ADVOCATE & NOTARY PUBLIC, SHREESHAIL B. GOBBANI, BANGALURU-560010.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHARUKH JAMBAGI S/o Mohammed Rafiq, R/at No.001, ELV Signature Apt, 5th Cross, Springdale Layout, Ambedkar Road, Vijayanagar, White Field, Bangalore- 560066, have changed my name to SHAHRUKH M JAMBAGI vide affidavit dated: 03/01/2024 Before Notary M.Rajendra Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, USHA VERMA, (New Name) previously called USHA HARIRAM VERMA residing at C-003, Adithya Frondoso Apartment, Sorahunase, Varthur, Bangalore-560087, hereby declare that, I have changed my name from 'USHA HARIRAM VERMA' to "USHA VERMA" vide Affidavit dated 29.12.2023, Sworn before Advocate and Notary A.M. Rajasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) GOPALARAO Father of No. 15328899F LHAV SANKARARAO GORLE, Residing at House No. 379, Street: Muddana Street, Patna Bobbili (VIII & Post), Bobbili (Taluk), Vizianagaram (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 535573, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) GORLE GOPALARAO, And DOB From 01.05.1958 to 01.02.1950, Vide Affidavit Dated 30.12.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU B.N BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.15332701P HAV SURINDER KUMAR, Residing at House No. 392, Chota Gurudwara, Vill -Nanhera, Post - Kuldeepnagar, Dist - Ambala Cantt, State - HARYANA, PIN: 133004, Have Changed My Son (OLD NAME) ROBIN Name to (NEW NAME) ROBIN YADAV, Vide Affidavit Dated 29.12.2023 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SIMHACHALAM, Mother of NO 15328899F LHAV SANKARARAO GORLE, Residing at House No. 379, Street, Muddana Street, Patna Bobbili (VII & Post), Bobbili (Taluk), Vizianagaram (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 535573, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) GORLE SIMHACHALAM, And DOB From 01.06.1964 to 01.01.1964 Vide Affidavit Dated 30.12.2023 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU B.N BANGALORE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that I, PRARTHANA F., daughter of Mr.Y. Farhad, have changed my name to PRARTHANA KAVERAMMA, vide Notarized Affidavit dated 03.01.2024 before Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

OTHERS

THANKSGIVING
Thank you for blessings and favours granted. Seek your blessings always.
PUNIT, SHOBA, NARESH.

For SMART

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Dhruva Sarja

VIJAY SETHUPATHI TO JOIN THE WORLD OF PREM'S KD?

This multilingual film stars Dhruva Sarja as the lead, and speculation about the South Indian actor has been rife

A SHARADHAA

Director Prem's film *KD-The Devil* starring Dhruva Sarja, is currently in production. Recently, the team released a New Year's teaser from the set, generating excitement on social media, announcing that the multilingual film is slated for a worldwide grand release in 2024.

This collaboration marks Prem's first project with Dhruva Sarja and KVN Productions, and has created quite a buzz due to its star-studded cast. The film features Ravichandran and Ramesh Arvind in pivotal roles, and marks Shilpa Shetty's return to Kannada cinema. The film also stars Sanjay Dutt in his debut role in Kannada.

Now, the latest speculation involves Vijay Sethupathi joining the world of *KD*. Rumours suggest he might play a part in the climax of *KD* Part 1 and potentially take the lead in Part 2. Director Prem, known for his diverse casting choices, met with Vijay Sethupathi, who even lent his voice for the Tamil version of the first look teaser, which was launched grandly.

While this potential addition would undoubtedly elevate the cast, an official confirmation is awaited from the team. Arjun Janya is composing the music for *KD*, while William David and Srinivas P Prabhu handle cinematography and editing, respectively.



Vijay Sethupathi

Suni's Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe locks release date

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DIRECTOR Suni, acclaimed for his diverse storytelling in films like *Simple Agi*, *Ondu Love Story*, *Chamak*, and *Avatara Purusha*, is ready to captivate audiences once again with his latest venture, *Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe*. Starring Vinay Rajkumar and produced by Mysuru Ramesh, this romantic drama is slated to hit theatres on February 8, coinciding with Valentine's week.

As part of the pre-release promotions, the makers have unveiled the first song, a lyrical video titled *Nin-*

yaarele, encapsulating the beautiful love story. This soul-stirring melody, released on New Year's, is sung by Armaan Malik with lyrics penned by Siddh Kodipura and Suni, and composed by Veer Samarth. The film's cinematography is skillfully handled by Karthik Sharma and Sabha Kumar.

Along with Vinay Rajkumar, the film also stars Swasthik Krishnan, and Mallika Singh as the female lead, and includes Raghavendra Rajkumar in a special role. The ensemble cast further includes Rajesh Nataranga, Aruna Balaraj, and Sadhu Kokila, among others in pivotal roles.



Gowrishankar; A still from the film

It's wonderful to witness indigenous tales showcased through cinema: Dhananjay

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THE grandeur of *Kantara* (2022), which was a rooted story that went global, remains fresh in everyone's memory. Similarly, Tagaru Palya (2023) too received a solid response. Presently, the reigning champ at the box office, *Kaatera*, is another testament to our native tales taking Kannada cinema to the next level, and we also have films like *Kaiva* hitting theatres soon. Joining this list is the upcoming movie, *Kerebete*, which is about a story rooted in our land's heritage and local cultures.

Rishab Shetty's *Kantara* depicted the clash between humans and nature amidst the backdrop of traditional coastal Karnataka cultures like Kambala and Bhootha Aradhane. Challenging Star Darshan's *Kaatera* directed by Tharun Sudhir delved into the struggles of farmers, spotlighting traditional rituals practiced for the com-

munity's well-being. Similarly, actor Gowrishankar's *Kerebete* orbits around the Kere Bete, an annual traditional fishing festival held in Karnataka's Malnad region during the summer. *Kerebete*'s teaser, unveiled by Kannada star actor Dhananjaya on January 3, marks Gowrishankar's return as lead hero, since *Rajahamsa* (2017).

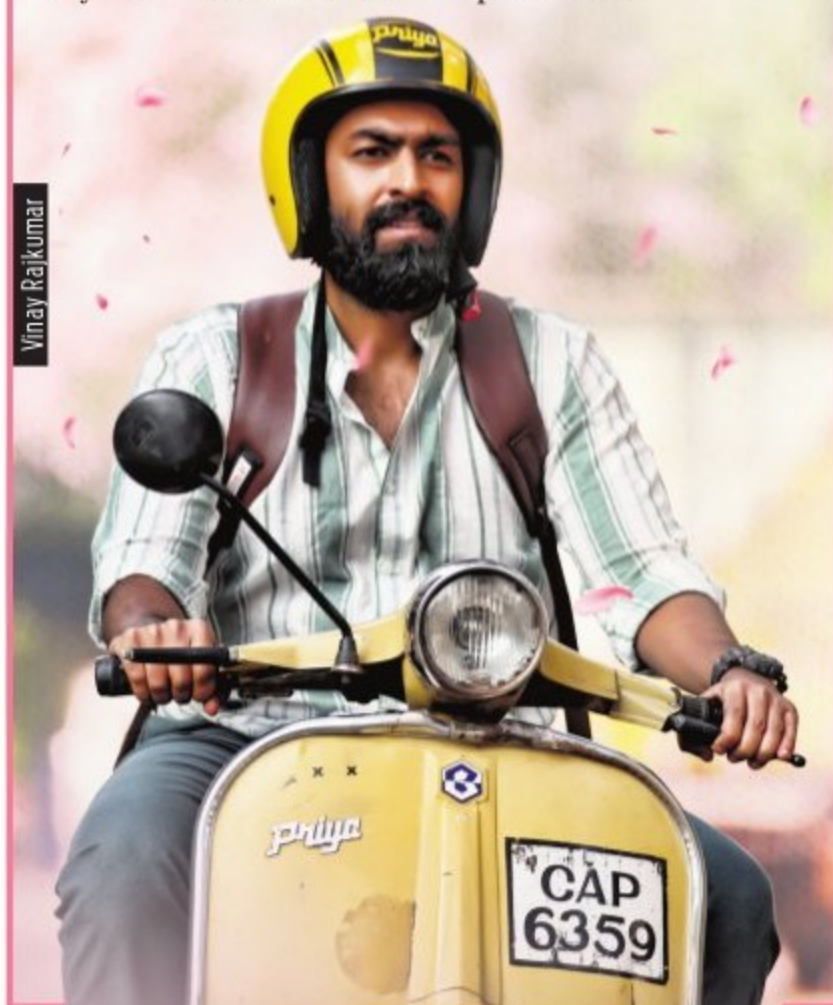
Talking at the event, Dhananjaya echoed the sentiment that our movies, encapsulating our land and narratives, consistently resonate with the world. "Although I hail from central Karnataka (Bayalu Seeme), the Kere Bete folk sport wasn't familiar to me. It's wonderful to witness these indigenous tales deeply embedded in our cultures showcased through cinema. We should create more stories celebrating our vibrant culture and traditions."

Director Dinakar Thoogudeepa commended *Kerebete*'s creators for flawlessly capturing village life. He reflected on his and Gow-

rishankar's cinematic journey and applauded the film's inception amidst the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the teaser launch by Mallathalli Lake in Bengaluru, locals from the Malnad region presented their traditional sport. Writer Jadesh Hampi, who was also present at the teaser launch event revealed that he drew from Holeyari traditions in his village for the *Kaatera* script, featuring an annual village fair and animal sacrifice.

Googly director Pavan Wadeyar praised such films that connect globally through their themes, citing *Kantara* as a prime example, and Guru Deshpande, director of *Raja Huli*, highlighted the audience's affinity for stories rooted in their lives and native cultures.

Kerebete, in its post-production phase, stars Gowrishankar, newcomer Bindu Shivaram, Gopal Deshpande, Sampath, and Harini in lead roles. *Kerebete* has music composed by Gagan Badariya.



Vinay Rajkumar

FIRST SINGLE FROM MAFIA OUT



A still from the film

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ohit H's *Mafia*, starring Prajwal Devaraj, gears up for release and its first single is dropping soon. The love track *Tumbaane Kelare hinde biddu* features Prajwal and Aditi Prabhudeva, with lyrics by Pramod Maravante (known for *Kantara*), music by Anoop Seelin, vocals by Haricharan, and choreography by Murali Master.

The action thriller, pro-

duced by Kumar B for Bengaluru Films Banner, marks Prajwal's 35th film and has his father Devaraj in a significant role. Alongside Prajwal, the film stars Sadhukokila, Shine Shetty, Vijay Chendoor, and Vasuki Vaibhav. With S Pandikumar handling cinematography, the film is said to be a gripping tale.

Prajwal Devaraj's lineup includes *Gana*, *Cheetah*, and the upcoming *'Karavalli'* directed by Gurudatha Ganiga.

Rangasamudra was possible because of Rangayana Raghu: Rajkumar Aski

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RANGASAMUDRA, directed by Rajkumar Aski is gearing up for release and Raghavendra Rajkumar unveiled the film's trailer on Wednesday. The film, which has Rangayana Raghu playing a significant role, is set to hit screens on January 12 and it will be the only Kannada film, to be out this Sankranti.

Raghavendra Rajkumar expressed his gratitude and commended the directors who selected such a theme. He praised Rangayana Raghu's impressive performance in the lead role and expressed his joy in being part of such a film. He wished for the film's success and men-



Team Rangasamudra

tioned his continued collaboration with the team.

"I loved Rajkumar Aski's narration, and agreed to do it immediately," mentioned the actor. The shooting for this film

took place in delightful locations in Karnataka and Maharashtra. "Puneeth Rajkumar was supposed to act in this film in a guest role, but it didn't materialise. Now, Raghavendra

Rajkumar is essaying a special character in the same film, set for release on January 12," says the director.

Rangasamudra translates to 'Ocean of Colour.' "When the story was presented to the producer Hoysala Konanur, he mentioned that if Rangayana Raghu had not accepted the lead role, the film wouldn't have been this good. He expressed his desire to cast Raghavendra Rajkumar in this role to the director, who granted his wish, bringing the aspiration to reality," mentioned Rajkumar.

The film features five songs written by Vageesh Channagiri. Kailash Kher, Vijay Prasad, Keeravaani, Sanchit Hegde, and director have sung in the film. The film's music is composed by Desi Mohan with dance sequences choreographed by Dhanu Master.



A still from the film



Jack Black joins the live-action Minecraft film

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ACTOR Jack Black has become the recent addition to the upcoming live-action film adaptation of the *Minecraft* game. The movie is led by Aquaman star Jason Momoa and is helmed by Napoleon Dynamite director Jared Hess. Black will reportedly play the role of Steve from the Video Game.

The film also stars Danielle Brooks and Sebastian Eugene Hansen in prominent roles. Wednesday-fame Emma Myers was recently added to the ensemble. While the film will be about the popular videogame, the plot details are still kept under wraps.

Warner Bros live-action *Minecraft* film was first announced in 2014. After several announced and missed release dates, the studio recently revealed the film's release date to be April 4, 2025. The production for the film is set to begin soon in New Zealand. Lee will produce alongside Mary Parent while executive producers include Jon Berg, Cale Boyter, and Jon Spaihts. The video game hails from Sweden's Mojang Studios, and Vu Bui also producing the film.